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The Hancock Chamber of Commerce's annual business exposition.

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The Old Town Bay St. Louis Artwalk returns for the 2002 season.

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Louie shaves his head for MDA tonight

Waveland Holiday Inn and Louie Smolenski will host the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.'s silent auction and charity haircut today, 5 p.m.-until, at Coconut's Bar & Grill.

Off-site pet adoptions in Waveland Saturday

The Waveland Animal Shelter, assisted by Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County, will host off-site pet adoptions Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., by the garden section of the Waveland Kmart. Each pet has first set of shots, worming and reduced-cost spay and neuter certificate.

Fly-fishing classes

The Mississippi Mud Bugs Fly Fishing Club and MSU Cooperative Extension Service will host a fly-fishing class Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 10, 17 and 24 (graduation night). Call 467-4992 or 463-0100.

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DAY HIGH LOW
WEEK OF 8-22-02
Thurs. 12:24 p. 4:41 a.
Fri. 1:10 p.
Sat. 1:54 p. 12:28 a.
Sun. 2:40 p. 12:47 a.
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The end of an era

Sauzers say goodbye after 16 years with pantry

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

When their minister at Shoreline Baptist Church asked new church members George and Aileen Sauzer to attend a meeting in his place 16 years ago, little did they know that it would be the beginning of a whole new focus in their lives.

The meeting, held at Christ Episcopal Church, was the birth of the Hancock County Food Pantry program, which has, to date helped feed more than 65, 916 needy people in the area. George and Ellen started their volunteer service that day and now,

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Hancock County Supervisor Lisa Coward gives Aileen Sauzer a hug Tuesday. Aileen and husband George are retiring after 16 years of operating the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

KILN'S ANGELS



Members of the Asgard Motorcycle Club were special guests at the Bay St. Louis Council meeting Tuesday evening. To date, the club has donated more than \$100,000 to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Members of Asgard Motorcycle Club honored for their charitable work

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Motorcycles lined the street in front of Bay St. Louis City Hall Tuesday night and members of the Asgard

Motorcycle Club filled the meeting room. The group turned out for a special recognition from the city for its 20-plus years of work for charitable organizations in the area. Mayor Eddie Favre presented the group with a plaque and officially declared August 22 as "Asgard Motorcycle Club Day" in the city.

Favre also presented a recognition certificate to Tommy Wiltz in recognition of the group's work for the Mississippi



Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre declared August 22 as the official Asgard Motorcycle Club Day in the city in honor of the group's work for charity.

Gulf Coast Multiple Sclerosis Society. Each year, the club donates money raised at a "blowout" event in Gulfport. To date, the group has donated more than \$100,000 to MGCMS, Wiltz said. The dollars go for the things that are often overlooked in favor of research on the dis-

ease. "This money helps pay for medications, modifications to homes, air-conditioning bills ... direct patient care," said Wiltz. "Money from this group bought artificial limbs for a child who was born with no arms.

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Analysis

Area law enforcers do volume business

Close to 86 emergency calls per day keep officers busy

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Have you ever wondered how many calls for assistance are received by our three local law enforcement agencies during a 24-hour period?

Would you believe that the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Bay St. Louis and Waveland Police departments combined received more than 17,000 calls from January 1 through July 31, 2002, for an average of around 86 calls during a 24-hour period?

Those calls with responses do not include the thousands of vehicular stops during the period for traffic violations, such as DUIs, speeding, improper equipment, etc. Nor, do they include many of the tip calls received by the two drug enforcement agencies in the area.

Sheriff Steve Garber, Bay Police Chief Frank



Varnell



McNeil



Garber

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Bay Legion to host 9-11 event

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

On Wednesday, September 11, Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139 will host a 9-11 "Patriots' Day" at noon on the Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center.

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5th annual Business & Industry Expo is today

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mark your calendar now to attend the 5th annual Business & Industry Expo sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce today, Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

The event is open to the public and admission is \$2 per person.

Linda Graffeo, chairman of the Chamber's Member Services Committee, says this is one event you don't want to miss with more than 90 area businesses participating.

Businesses will promote their products and services to consumers attending the show. Consumers will enjoy the great give-aways, food, beverages and entertainment for all ages provided by exhibitors throughout the afternoon.

Each person, over the age of 18, who visits at least 50 percent of the booths, will have the chance to win a \$1,000 cash prize. K-99 will assist throughout the day with music and a live remote.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce promotes the social, civic and economic well-being of the County, and is a voluntary organization of 700 business, community and gov-

ernmental leaders who represent over 5,000 employees.

Chamber Announces Inaugural Business & Industry Golf Tournament at Diamondhead Country Club

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce will host an Inaugural Business & Industry Golf Tournament on the Cardinal Course at Diamondhead Country Club on Friday, Nov. 8. The shotgun start is at noon.

"We are delighted that Diamondhead will be the host site for this important golf tournament," said Joy Computer, owner of Patients Choice and president of the 20-member Chamber Board.

"As one of the fastest growing areas of the County, it is imperative for business and industry to join with the leaders of Diamondhead to market this important resource," he said.

Golf Digest rates the Cardinal Course as the 4th "Best Public Course" in the state for 1996. Designed by Earl Stone, this 18-hole layout is wooded and was built on gently rolling terrain.

It has no parallel fairways and extra-long sand

bunkers. Located off I-10 at Exit 16, the facilities at Diamondhead Country Club include one other 18-hole course rated 6th during the same year. The new country club, completed in 1999, provides first class dining and more than 6,000 square feet of function space. Located nearby is the Yacht Club and Tennis World with 10 lighted clay courts, a clubhouse and a tennis pro on staff. For information, call 228-255-2918.

Stuart Wilkinson of Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. is serving as the inaugural tournament chairman. He says this event will be an exclusive business-to-business networking opportunity you do not want to miss.

"This tournament will provide you with a great opportunity to build relationships with your best customers and network with others to make new contacts," said Wilkinson.

"As chairman of the tournament," he said, "I can promise, you and your clients will receive the red carpet treatment throughout the day."

Wilkinson said the Chamber's Business & Industry Golf Classic is the best business marketing opportunity businesses will have this year.

"I hope you will seriously consider this opportunity, and send your registration in as early as possible. Space is limited to only 30 teams," he said.

Close to 30 Chamber members have already expressed interest in participating in the tournament.

Members who have joined the committee include: On Barrens of Coast Electric Power Association, Ex Gible of Mississippi Power Company, Michael Haas, Jr. of Haas & Haas Attorneys, Cray Trepan Cellular South, and George Williams of The Williams Marketing Group. To join the committee, reserve your team. And/or inquire about sponsorships, contact Stuart Wilkinson, Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. at 228-463-0130 or Tic Williams at the Chamber: 467-9048.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of close to 700 business, community and governmental leaders representing close to 5,000 employees.

Through the Chamber, business and industry speak with one voice to address issues of concern to our community that affect our economy, social and civic

well-being. To join the Chamber, contact Tic Williams at 467-9048.

Upcoming September Events

September 6: 7:30 p.m.

Doors Open

Moonlight on the Bay

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Reservations required:

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September 29, 11 a.m.-4

p.m.

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Creative Crafts Show at

Diamondhead

Located at Exit 16 on I-10

For information: 228-

255-2697 or 228-452-2200

This calendar listing is

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community by the Hancock

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Commerce. To list your

event, call 467-9048.

Pier pressure



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
The East Harbor Bulkhead Project in Pass Christian is nearly 60 percent complete. With three phases, the project is now in phase two of the \$1.2 million project.

P&Z board eyes mobile homes

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Planning/Zoning Commission dealt with two issues concerning mobile homes during meeting last week.

One Bay St. Louis resident requested approval for a second mobile home to be attached to her double-wide for an addition. Willie Gavney, zoning official, informed the commission that the landowner did not have a sprayer system on the property.

The commission gave the resident two months to have an approved sprayer system

installed on the property before she could have the mobile home approved. If the system is not installed and approved before the two-month period, the commission informed her that all trailers on the property must be removed.

In another case, the commission denied a Bay St. Louis couple's request to upgrade a mobile home in a R-2 A Zone. The residents live on six of the 10 lots they own and have four lots for rent.

The lot in question once housed a mobile home that had been removed from the property supposedly over

one year. The residents claimed the mobile home was removed before a year had lapsed. The commission referred to the power company's records which indicated that the power had been disconnected over a year ago. The couple claimed the trailer was moved several months after the power was disconnected but could not produce any evidence to support their claim.

The commission denied the couple's request because the property's septic tank on that lot does not meet health department regulations.

Pass approves chamber lease

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

During its Aug. 20 meeting, the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen approved a new lease agreement with the Pass Christian Area Chamber of Commerce.

The term of the lease was for another 25 years; the chamber may then apply for another 25-year lease once that lease has expired.

The chamber will also receive an additional 60 feet

on the south end of the property to be used as a parking area.

Aldermen also accepted an amended resolution from the Pass Christian Public School District asking for \$5,351,672 in ad valorem support.

Marsha Garziano, business manager for the school district, said the money will be used for proposed building projects, new buses and other regular school maintenance.

In other business, aldermen:

- approved a time extension of 99 days to GM&R Construction on the East Bulkhead Harbor Project

- accepted \$1,500 from Supervisor Marlin Ladner and the Harrison County Board of Supervisors for the recreation department

- approved the Collage Art Festival's request to provide two port-o-lets for the annual festival to be held Sept. 28-29.

Hospice service seeking volunteers

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hospice Division of south Mississippi Homecare is seeking persons 16 years of age and older interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the home care of persons diagnosed with a terminal illness. Volunteers

can help patients and families with errands, companionship, and hair dressing services, reading, or other special skills.

Individuals not wanting to work directly with patients/families can assist Hospice in the office with clerical work, bulk mailing, assembling Hospice admis-

sion packets or notary services.

Training is provided.

For more information, call Kimberly Holcomb, Volunteer Services coordinator at 1-800-217-3874 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 261-4010 ext. 404 to leave a message anytime.

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Moonlight on the Bay to honor Lee

THE SEA COAST ECHO

General surgeon Joseph Rillens Lee of Waveland will be honored Friday, Sept. 6 at Hancock Medical Center's 7th annual Moonlight on the Bay.

The gala dinner dance will be in the Cypress Cove Ballroom of Casino Magic's new Bay Tower Hotel.

Dr. Lee has been practicing general surgery in Bay St. Louis since 1979. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and earned his medical degree from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor fraternity. His residency in general surgery was completed at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a member of the American Medical Association, the Mississippi State Medical Association and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

"Dr. Lee's devotion to his patients and loyalty to Hancock Medical Center have endured over the



Dr. Joseph Rillens Lee

years," said Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE. "He is a fine example of a dedicated physician, and is widely respected by the Coast medical community and staff of our hospital."

The surgeon previously served as HMC Chief of Staff and on the Hancock Medical Center Board of Trustees, the hospital's governing body. As a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, he has volunteered with the Knights of Columbus organization and local parochial schools.

Dr. Lee and his wife, the former Suzi Rhodes, have five children: Kelli Billups, Joseph Lee II, Michael Lee, MD, Amy Lee and Patrick Lee. They have two grandchildren, Gex Billups and Balus Lee.

Coastal clean-up campaign set Sept. 21

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Beautification Committee of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, chaired by Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher emeritus of the Sea Coast Echo, is seeking volunteers to participate in the 14th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup.

The event, which is held in conjunction with the International Coastal Clean-up, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at various locations throughout the county from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The event will run simultaneously throughout the Coast, and is touted as "the planet's largest volunteer cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment."

Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed a proclamation in support of the annual event.

Zone captains will be stationed at each site wearing yellow T-shirts to direct volunteers and supply them with trash bags, data cards, pencils, safety gloves, and bottled water provided by the Mississippi Soft Drink Association.

Each volunteer participating in the cleanup will receive one free T-shirt provided by Chevron Pascagoula Refinery. The T-shirt features an original Walter Anderson line drawing, courtesy of the Family of Walter Anderson.

The family agreed to this rare use of a Walter Anderson line drawing because of the nature of the event-to preserve and protect the marine environment.

As a naturalist and an artist, Walter Anderson was in his own words, "...an artist who prefers nature to art."

Following the cleanup, volunteers must show their T-shirt as a pass for a free lunch of hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, potato chips and Coca-Cola products at Outback Steakhouse in Gulfport between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. only the day of the event.

Locally, in Hancock County, free hot dogs will be provided at the Washington Street area of Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis, provided by the Office of Congressman Gene Taylor and Da Beach House.

In 2001, 2,900 volunteers collected 70,000 pounds of trash. In Hancock County alone, volunteers collected 3,150 items of debris. The #1 debris items collected in the county included: Shoreline & Recreational (caps, lids, bags and food wrappers); Ocean/Waterway (plastic sheeting, tarps, bait containers, fishing line); Smoking (cigarettes and filters); and, Dumping (construction materials).

Volunteers will pick up marine debris at more than 50 designated coastal cleanup sites (zones) in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties and the barrier islands. In Hancock County, the following areas and zone captains are now designated for cleanup:

Garden Isle Community, Lynn Bell, 467-0438
Lazy River Road, Susan Duffy, 467-0800

Coleman Avenue, Waveland Kathy Pinn, 467-3922

Ansley/Heron Bay Road, Tracey Gremillion, 466-

0599
Shoreline Park North East, Jackie Kidd, 467-0599
Shoreline Park South East, Stacy Smith, 467-4615
Harbor Drive-Bayou Phillips, Sally Carnley, 467-9428
Kiln, Lauly Peterson, 255-1188

Hancock Beaches, Betsy Ashman, 467-5496

Hancock Area School Students, Terry Limer, 463-9866

Diamondhead, Bill Lawler, 586-0607

If you would like to volunteer for the cleanup, please call one of the coordinators listed above. If you would like to be in charge of an area not listed above, contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048.

To volunteer in other areas of the Gulf Coast, call: Harrison County: 374-5022 ext. 5062 or 5063; Jackson County: 990-1640; Barrier Islands (requires your own boat): 875-9057 ext. 114; Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve: 475-7047.

For general information, call the Info Line at 1-877-9 CLEAN 5 (toll-free in Hancock, Harrison and

Jackson counties) or visit the official MS Coastal Cleanup web site at www.masgc.org/cleanup and download a registration form. Volunteers under age 21 must have their parents sign the registration form and submit it prior to cleanup.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is sponsored by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, which is made up of representatives from BFI; Cellular South; Chevron Pascagoula Refinery; Collins & Associates of Biloxi; Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Gulf Islands Conservancy; Gulf Islands National Seashore; Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Hancock Insurance.

Also, Harrison County Beautification; Harrison County Sand Beach Department; Jackson County Solid Waste; Keesler Air Force Base; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center; Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and Mississippi State University Coastal

Research & Extension Center.

And, Mississippi State University Extension Service, Hancock County; Naval Construction Battalion Center; Naval Station Pascagoula; Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce; Office of Congressman Gene Taylor; Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State; Outback Steakhouse; and Sea Coast Echo.

Co-sponsors: City of Biloxi, Club Caribbean Divers, Da Beach House, Dole Fresh Fruit, Family of Walter Anderson, Gulf Coast Medical Center, K99FM and Magic 93.7FM, Knight-Abbey Commercial Printing & Direct Mail, Lamar Advertising of South Mississippi, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Soft Drink Association, PEPCO, Ship Island Excursions, The Ocean Conservancy, The Sun Herald, Triad Broadcasting Company, and WLOX-TV 13.

The Beautification Committee of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is comprised of interested citizens and Chamber members.

Epilepsy Foundation announces national conference in N.O.

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Epilepsy Foundation has announced that its 34th annual national family conference will be held from Sept. 12 to 14 at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans.

The conference will focus on managing the medical and quality of life issues associated with seizures and seizure disorders.

It will be preceded on September 11 by a special day-long best-practices session for participants from abroad.

People with seizures, their families, and health-care professionals attending the conference will hear leading experts in the field concerning new therapies, advances in research and coping with the daily challenges of the disorder.

Sessions will be led by internationally recognized epilepsy experts from treatment centers at the University of California - San Diego, Columbia University, Henry Ford Medical Center, University of Minnesota, Stanford University, and others.

The Foundation's annual conference provides families, many of who feel alone

in their struggle with the disorder, with a unique opportunity of meeting and sharing experiences with other families affected by seizures.

Families will also have the opportunity to get direct answers to their questions during special Ask-the-Expert sessions with legal and medical professionals associated with the Epilepsy Foundation.

The conference is being held in association with the Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Louisiana. People who are interested in attending may obtain more information toll-free at 1-800-332-1000 or by visiting www.epilepsyfoundation.org where they can also register.

The Epilepsy Foundation, based in metropolitan Washington, D.C., is the leading source of authoritative consumer information about epilepsy and seizures.

The Foundation's goals are to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services.

Mt. Zion has 108th anniversary

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 8th Avenue in Pearlinton, invites the public to its 108th church anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m.

Speaker will be the Rev. Frederick Leroy Fields, pastor of the church. Choirs, groups or soloists are asked to render two selections on this program.

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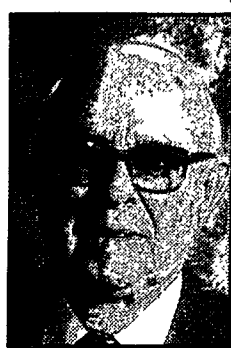
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo this afternoon from 4 to 7 at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

Admission is \$2 per person, and you have a chance of winning \$1,000 and many door prizes.

Some 90 booths will be at the Expo, and there will be complimentary food and beverages.

We hope to see you at the Expo.

We are always hearing about how small the world is today.

As many of you know, we have many Elvis Presley fans who live in our area.

My cousin, Irvin Cuevas, formerly of State Street in the Bay, who is a news producer/writer for KABC in Glendale, California, sent me an interesting article which began on Page 1 of the Los Angeles Times on Friday, August 16 edition.

The article is written by Megan K. Stack, Times staff writer, who was at the 25th anniversary of Elvis' death at Graceland. One of those featured in the article was Bea Williams of Bay St. Louis, who is a real Elvis fan.

I do know that my niece Denise and a friend, and am sure many others from the area, were at Graceland last week, too.

Stack's quotes from Williams included, "You can feel his presence here. As many times I have been here, I have never lost that feeling. I really don't understand the phenomenon myself, but you feel it."

As a matter of fact, with the exception of the center line, the other parts of that quote were emphasized in large type in the article.

Williams told the writer she first heard Elvis' Heartbreak Hotel on the radio for the first time when she was age 15.

She didn't know what Elvis looked like for months, but it didn't matter, she had the voice.

She also said, "You know how in your teen years you have all sorts of problems? You could always lose yourself in Elvis."

Williams said she goes to Graceland and forgets all of her problems.

Bea, in case you do not have a copy of the article, give me a call, as I am saving it for you.

P.S. Irv, thanks for keeping alert and remembering your folks back in your native Bay St. Louis.

It was interesting reading Norman Winter, MSU Horticulturist's column in Sunday's edition about four o'clocks.

From my earliest memories, we always had four o'clocks growing in our yard. Some of the roots were six inches or more across, as they would come up every year.

When I married, among the first flowers I planted was four o'clocks, and we still have three colors in our yard.

They have such a beautiful fragrance when they open around 4 p.m. each day.

They take little care and have a very long-flowering season each year.

When frost comes, the plants turn brown and tumble down, only to re-appear in Spring.

It is great to see the interest being created by the Hancock County Greenways Project.

The Greenways Project consists of a group of people who want to make sure that greenways and waterways are preserved for the enjoyment of today's residents as well as future generations.

On the local level, Greenways is looking for local input.

If you are interested in the Greenways Project, contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048.

Their next meeting is on Sept. 13 at 8:15 a.m. Call the chamber for the location.

Okay, what is MACM, and why do we care?

Okay, what is MACM?

Mississippians are being caught up in a torrent of conflicting information that we have a medical malpractice insurance "crisis" in this state for which "tort reform," (essentially putting a cap on damage awards in malpractice lawsuits) is said to be the only cure.

A week or so ago I saw an AP story from Gulfport saying that three Gulf Coast oncologists had managed to secure malprac-

tice insurance coverage

from a California company, enabling them to reopen their clinic which was closed a week earlier because they had no insurance coverage.

However, what caught my eye was a paragraph in the story that said the oncologists had been turned down for coverage by Medical Assurance Company of Mississippi, or

MACM, the insurance group owned by doctors from right here in our own

state.

If we have a medical malpractice insurance "crisis" in Mississippi, as some claim, then why didn't MACM, the doctor-owned Mississippi medical insurance group created under a special 1977 state law step up and insure the three Coast oncologists?

What MACM really is, and how it began is a key element in the medical crisis/tort reform debate that Mississippians should know more about.

Sixty per cent of Mississippi doctors are insured under MACM, a home-grown, non-profit insurance corporation,

which is run like a tightly held, closed-door club, not unlike the way an exclusive country club picks its members.

That means the other 40 per cent of Mississippi doctors, such as the oncologists from Gulfport, have got to shop elsewhere for coverage, no doubt at a higher rate than doctor-owned MACM charges.

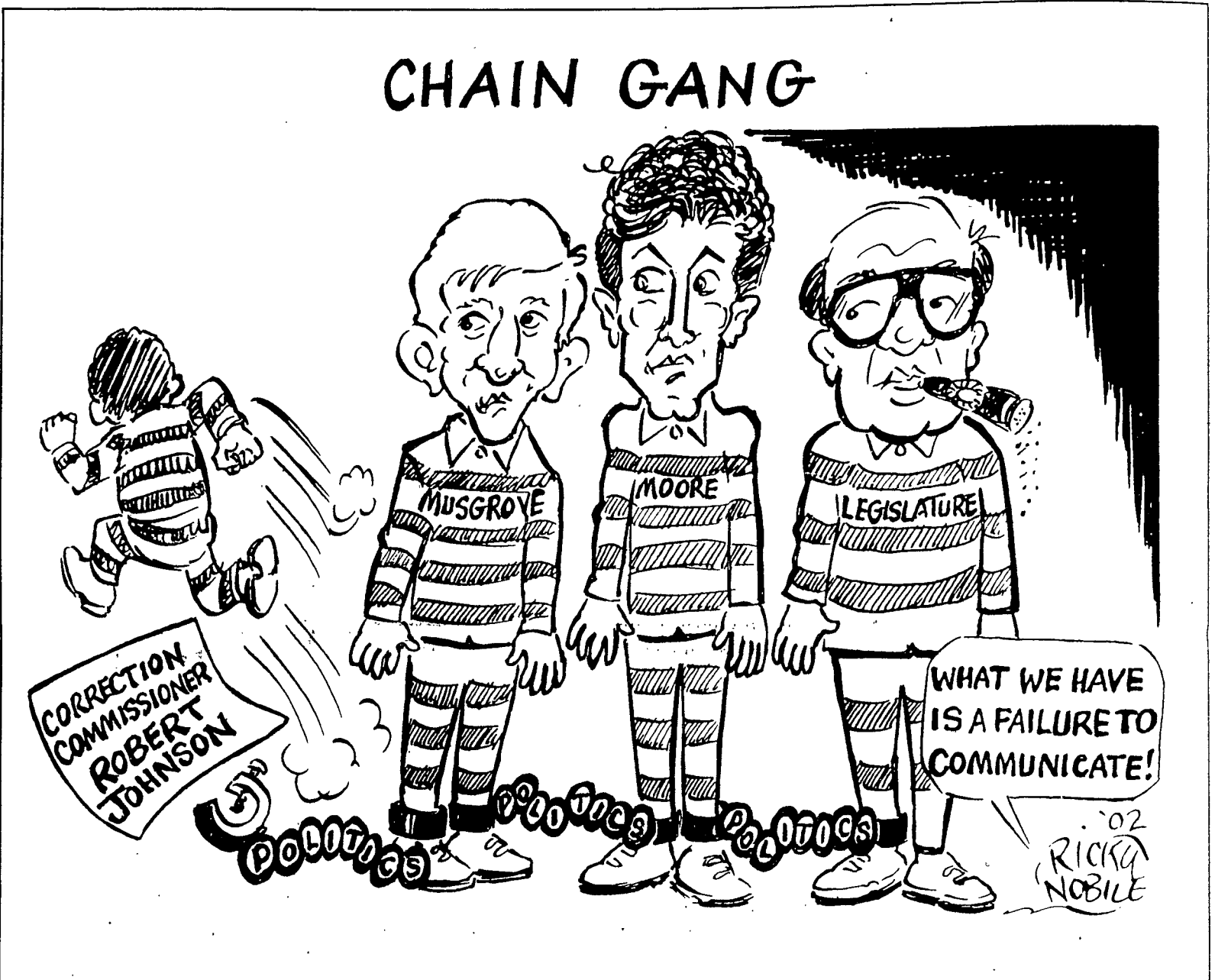
Yet, MACM came into existence under a special statute designed to provide coverage for ANY licensed physician in Mississippi who applied for coverage.

We were told back in



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



To all leaders of area faith-based organizations:

Sunday, November 11, is a very special day for many Americans. It is the day that has been designated "Veterans Day" by the Congress of the United States to honor those who served in uniform during periods of conflict and challenge.

It may have been in the mosquito-infested jungles at Guadalcanal, on the frozen tundra of the Korean Peninsula, in the muddy quagmire that were the rice paddies in Vietnam or in a sandstorm near the Kuwaiti border. Wherever and whenever they were called to serve, they went. Now it's time to thank them.

Your House of Worship has an opportunity to thank the veterans and make others in your community aware of their sacrifices by including the Veterans Day message from American Legion National Chaplain, Dr. David Russell, in bulletins and/or newsletters distributed among your congregation. It would be appreciated if you would consider including a reference to this special day in sermons and remarks to your congregation.

The recent acts of terrorism in our country draws attention to just how fragile our freedoms are. It has been the veterans of our nation who have safeguarded our liberties in foreign

lands.

Today, many of our service men and women are serving right here in the United States of America, at war against a foe they may not recognize. These young patriots deserve our appreciation, our support and our recognition.

The American Legion is directing its support to the families of those serving in uniform. It has activated its Family Support Network that was created to help military families during the Persian Gulf War.

Today, using its network of more than 14,000 American Legion Posts, Legionnaires stand ready to assist families in ways that include grocery shopping, child care, household and other routine chores. In a nutshell, The American Legion is "Still Serving America" by serving those who serve us.

If you know of a military family needing assistance, please encourage them to call the Family Support Network at 1-800-504-4098.

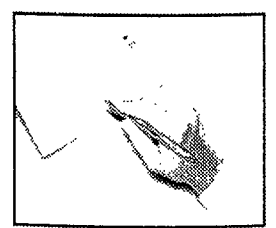
Please join with us in saying "thanks" to the veterans and those who wear the uniform today in our armed services. They served. They paid the price. God Bless Them and God Bless America!!

Sincerely,
Richard J. Santos
National Commander

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Technicalities

By State Auditor Phil Bryant COUNTRIES

Q Can a board of supervisors purchase a cell phone for selected employees to be used for county business with the understanding that the employees will also use said cell phones for personal business?

A No, the use of the cellular phones must be for county business purposes.

There is no authority for the routine personal use by county employees of cellular telephones owned by the county.

However, charges incurred for incidental personal use should be reimbursed.

(Attorney General's opinion to Chamberlin dated March 8, 2002)

Q Does new legislation require courts (Justice Court) to immediately start

collecting the, \$10.00 wireless radio communication program assessment on all citations issued by the highway patrol?

A Yes. House Bill 1004, effective March 28, 2002, revised Section 63-9-31 to require collection of this assessment. All counties (including those that did not participate in the program or assessed less than ten dollars) must now collect the full \$10.00 on each conviction resulting from a highway patrol citation.

The money must be settled monthly by the Chancery Clerk to the Miss. Dept. of Public Safety Comptroller's Office according to regulations to be provided by that office.

This money will be used for the wireless communication program and for automation of highway patrol citation processing through justice court.

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Minor -- reform

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1977 there was a medical malpractice insurance crisis. That's when a bill was pushed through the Legislature authorizing formation of a non-profit medical liability insurance corporation, exempting them from almost all insurance regulatory laws, and many state taxes as well.

Here, we need to note some key words spelled out in the 1977 law, because in later years MACM seems to have departed from its original concept as an malpractice insurance umbrella for any Mississippi doctor in need of coverage into more of a fat retirement plan for those docs who are selected to be "members" of the group.

Start with the designation "non-profit" corporation in the 1977 statute.

MACM's own financial statement shows in 2001, "members equity" increased to \$67.5 million, up from \$66 million the year before. Members equity, according to the report, make up the company's "surplus."

Who are the beneficiaries of the company's surplus? According to its own document, MACM says that surplus is divided into equity accounts which "policy-holders" (read, doctor-members) upon their retirement, disability or death will receive a distribution of their computed individual equity account.

There's the nifty retirement plan we mentioned above, something not imagined by the 1977 statute. And only those docs chosen by the MACM to be "members" can get in on the plan.

Here's what the 1977 statute says about who is entitled to become a member: "The membership of the corporation SHALL consist of ANY individual who has applied for, or been granted, a license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi."

MACM is so concerned about covering its backside on why it doesn't insure ALL doctors that its attorney, former state Sen. Bob Montgomery of Canton has

a ready-made response interpreting the 1977 law as NOT requiring the company to accept every physician.

Montgomery adds: "Requiring MACM to accept all applicants will ruin the company because insurance companies must be able to underwrite their business and analyze risks."

Last week in a series of articles on the tort reform debate by Joey Bunch in Biloxi's Sun Herald, Associate Justice Chuck McRae accused doctors who own a piece of MACM of "picking and choosing" who they will cover.

McRae advocated that the Legislature tighten the language in the 1977 non-profit medical insurance corporation law to make sure MACM will take care of more doctors. Referring to MACM's \$68 million "surplus" last year that went into its "members equity" fund, McRae declared: "I don't see why they can't take that \$68 million and insure more doctors."

The Sun-Herald series disproved the popular notion that Mississippi is losing doctors at an alarming rate because of the state's civil justice system. Using reports of the state Medical Licensure Board, the paper showed that Mississippi has had a net gain of 564 physicians since 1997.

And even the Mississippi Medical Association, the arch-advocate of tort reform, concedes that only 15 doctors who left the state last year cited lack of insurance or the lawsuit climate as a reason for leaving.

Eleven physicians went to states which the American Medical Association lists as having the same insurance problems as Mississippi. Eight others went to states which have no lawsuit caps.

As I made clear in a column over a year ago, my oldest son is a plaintiff attorney. He and most members of the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association oppose any caps on jury awards as part of the legislative agen-

da in Gov. Musgrove's proposed special legislative session.

However, it seems to this writer that some compromise between opposing forces in the tort reform debate is needed to ease public anxiety over the issue.

Several states, including Nevada, which has had a far more critical exodus of doctors and closure of clinics than Mississippi, have lately enacted legislation designed to stabilize the medical liability market.

Aware that courts in five states have thrown out hard caps on non-economic damages, Nevada a week ago enacted a compromise form of damages cap which the state's governor believes will pass constitutional muster.

The Nevada plan seems to be a reasonable compromise that deserves serious consideration. It puts a cap of \$350,000 on damages for pain and suffering, with two exceptions. Awards can exceed the cap in cases involving gross negligence or if "clear and convincing" evidence exists that \$350,000 is not adequate.

A key Musgrove proposal in the upcoming session is expected to be a state-backed insurance pool to provide coverage for doctors unable to find insurance in the open market. Several states already have that and there is no reason Mississippi can't do the same.

But while they're at it, lawmakers ought to clamp down on MACM being an insurance golden goose for the chosen few.

Mosquito bites & computer chips

The latest buzz in Jackson has everything to do with mosquitoes and the spread of the West Nile virus. The disease is spread to horses and humans from birds by mosquitoes.

In humans the flu like symptoms include fever, headache, swelling of the lymph nodes and sometimes rash. Although in most cases the virus can be purged by a person's immune system, sometimes the infection takes hold.

In advanced cases the virus can penetrate the victim's nervous system. The infection of the brain and nervous tissue (encephalitis) is often fatal.

On August 9, Governor Musgrove declared a state of emergency and involved the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Following this declaration the Governor appealed last week to President Bush for \$7.8 million in emergency funding to reimburse local authorities for increased mosquito spraying. Also the Mississippi Department of Health initiated the "Fight the Bite Campaign" to make people aware of the dangers of mosquitoes.

Citizens should eliminate standing water around their homes to stop mosquitoes from breeding and use insect repellent when outdoors. In other news the

State Legislature took action a few weeks ago in a special session to close the deal on the Howard Industries plant expansion.

Mississippi-based Howard industries plans to spend \$80 million to develop their computer and transformer manufacturing facilities in Laurel.

This expansion will create 2000 direct jobs. The state will spend \$31.5 million to bring the project to fruition. This includes \$6 million to train Mississippians to fill the high-tech manufacturing jobs, \$14.2 million for site preparation and \$11.2 million for roads and infrastructure to bring the products to market.

Laurel is in the Interstate 59 Technology Corridor which begins in Meridian and is anchored in south Mississippi by the Stennis Space Center.

This partnership of South Mississippi counties has been successful in drawing high-tech businesses such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin to the area by using I-59 as a high-tech community of interest. We expect these businesses to draw other high-tech firms to South Mississippi.

State Representative Dirk Dedeaux can be reached at the State Capitol during session at (601) 359-3311 or at his home at (228) 255-6171.



From the House

By State Rep. Dirk Dedeaux

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Heron Bay group wants county sewer services A.S.A.P.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A group of Heron Bay residents appeared at a meeting of the board of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District last week to ask when they could expect to see sewer service in their neighborhood.

Representatives of the group said that many houses in their area have their own treatment plants. Some residents were wondering whether to update their home treatment plants or wait for county sewer service.

Others were wondering about the possibility of petitioning the county to leave them out of their service plan altogether. The board assured them that this was not a possibility.

Some of the roads in the area have not been paved because the county is waiting for sewer pipes to be laid in the area before paving projects are finished, one resident said.

Board member Herman Johnson said the county may check into the possibility of installing temporary holding tanks in the area so that preliminary pipes

could be laid. If so, trucks would empty the tanks on a regular basis. A few in the group said they might be interested in paying for such a service.

In other business:

The district is still compiling a list of problems found in the recently finished Phase 1 water system. Contractors, Greenbriar Inc., extended their warranty on the system due to extensive problems getting the system on line. The district is ready to start Phase 2 of their water project, but funds cannot be released from rural Development until Phase 1 is closed out, hopefully in 30 to 60 days.

The close out has been delayed by a pending lawsuit with the engineer for the system, Duke Levy. Levy had originally been contracted to work with the district on Phase 2, but was fired near the end of Phase 1. Engineering and design fees for Phase 2 water will not be released by Rural Development until the dispute is settled.

The district is examining the option of moving ahead with Phase 3 with their new engineering firm, Compton Engineering.

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United Methodist Church holds Vacation Bible School

"God's Great Gallery" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School recently held at Main Street United Methodist Church. About 100 children attended and had fun discovering that all of us are "masterpieces."

The children, who ranged in ages from preschoolers, through 6th graders, participated in various activity centers where they enjoyed learning music and crafts, having snacks and play/recreation times, and experiencing Bible and mission stories.

A wrap-up session, where the children shared and recorded what they had learned, concluded the morning activities each day, except Friday when there was a program in the church sanctuary for family members and friends.

The Mission Project for the week was the Save Our Children's Center, 405 S. Nacaise Ave. in Bay St. Louis. The center, with its after school and summer



A group of children participate in UMC's Vacation Bible School.

camp programs, is directed by Barbara L. Powell and overseen by the SOC Task Force Board, headed by Geraldine B. Lang.

It is funded by the City of Bay St. Louis, United Way, various church and civic groups, and individuals. Those involved seek to promote the health, social, educational, vocational, character and leadership development of

Hancock County's community of boys and girls, ages 6-18.

The VBS children donated 227 books for the SOC library and \$200 for other needs of the center. A community business, which wished to remain anonymous, matched the goal amount.

All the children had fun when those attending the Save Our Children's Day

Camp participated in the Bible School at the church one morning.

The children want you to remember that everyone can make a difference in their own lives and the lives of others.

Plans are already being worked on for an even bigger and better Vacation Bible School next year at Main Street United Methodist Church.

UMC volunteers work at Save Our Children's Center



Volunteer team

Byron Lynch, Frances Graves, Judy and John Mayer, Robert Delcuze and Jim Mills, a work team from Main Street United Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis, posed for a picture after painting the large cafeteria/activity room at the Save Our Children's Center at 405 Nacaise Ave., Bay St. Louis.

In seeking to help meet community and individual needs, Main Street United Methodist Church has begun monthly community outreach projects to enhance their regular service activities.

These projects, coordinated by the Nurture, Outreach and Witness areas of the church, seek to provide opportunities for those in the congregation, as well as others, to nurture each other as they witness to their faith by reaching out to those in need.

On August 10, a work team helped prepare the Save Our Children Center for this year's opening of its after school tutoring, mentoring and enrichment program by painting the multipurpose room.

Main Street United Methodist Church became aware of the center and its needs as a result of the Children's Vacation Bible School's SOC mission project

and decided to provide further assistance to Hancock County's children.

Save Our Children's mission is to meet the needs of Hancock County community's children, ages 6-18, by providing opportunities for physical, emotional and academic development through after school programs and summer camps in a safe and caring environment.

Save Our Children is a tax-exempt organization funded by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the City of Bay St. Louis, United Way, church and civic groups and individuals.

To donate to, volunteer, or find out the current needs, please call the center at 466-0401. Barbara Powell is the director and Geraldine Lang is the Save Our Children Task Force Board's chairperson.

For more information, call the Main Street United Methodist Church office, 467-4538, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon; leave a message on the answering machine at 467-5541, or communicate by E-mail: mstb@juno.com.

The church's website is located at <http://www.geocities.com/msumcgeo/>.

Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 sets committees

Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 met August 8 at the American Legion Club House. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Jeanne Garcia and followed the usual ritual for opening the meetings and routine matters of minutes and treasurers report.

Betty Lafontaine, 1st vice president and membership chairman, reported that the unit has 107 senior members and 20 junior members paid to date.

She informed everyone that the dues for 2003 are now due and can be paid by mail at P. O. Box 3182, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521 or they can be given to any auxiliary member or dropped off at the American Legion Club House.

There are also parties for the veterans from the Gulfport VA held at the Post Home once a month.

The annual Fall Festival will be held at the Gulfport facility on Wednesday, October 9 and the unit will sponsor a booth along with Post 139. On the day before the festival the Medical Center will host a function for Cruisin' the Coast and the unit has been invited to participate.

Connie Triplett and Beth

Burleson are the chairmen of the Junior Activities Committee.

The Carnival Ball chairman reported that the plans are moving right along and the ball will be January 31, 2003 at the Hancock County Civic Center.

The Budget Committee was appointed and includes Bobbie Tomlinson, Lou Wilkerson and Phyllis Moran. The committee will set the budget for the coming year. It will be ready to present at the September meeting. The following committees were also appointed:

National Security Committee - Frances Graves and Phyllis Moran
Past President's Parley - Betty Lafontaine
Poppy - Committee - Phyllis Moran
Education Committee - Heather Coward.

If any member would like to serve as chairman or as a member of a committee, contact Jeanne Garcia at 467-8322. After the meeting the ladies joined the Legion for dinner in the Post Home.

The next executive meeting will be at the Club House Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., and the next regular meeting of the general membership will be Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Club House.

Cheerleader clinic Sept. 7

A cheerleader clinic will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 7 with instruction by the Harrison Central High School cheerleaders, district and Mardi Gras national champions.

The clinic is open to all community, youths and school cheerleaders and will be held at the HCHS gym, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cheers, chants, jumps, dances, stunts and tum-

bling will be taught in three age groups: 5-7, 8-10 and 11 and up. Individuals or entire squads may attend.

The \$25 registration fee includes lunch. Photographs, videos and cassette tapes of all material taught will be available for purchase.

For information, contact Dianne Denley at 832-6652 or 832-7854.

Local fire fighters are 'fired up' to help MDA

Many local fire fighters will participate in a fundraiser called "Fill the Boot" during the months of August and September to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Firefighters will "shake their boots" at local store fronts and intersections so that residents may give their dollars and change to help these dedicated men and women in their support of MDA.

Last year during the "Fill the Boot" program, firefighters in Southeast Louisiana raised over \$40,000 for area children and adults battling neuromuscular diseases.

Governor Foster has officially proclaimed

August 12-18 as Fire Fighter Appreciation Week to honor these men and women for their efforts on behalf of MDA.

MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by MDA's comprehensive medical services and research programs. MDA charges no fees to those served by the Association.

Please take a moment to drop some cash into a boot when you see your area firefighters out on the streets.

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Diamondhead Performing Arts Society kicks off 11th season with Magnolia Ball



Magnolia Ball promises an evening of dinner and dancing held in a nocturnal garden setting of the Antebellum South.

Annual Magnolia Ball will be held at Diamondhead Country Club Sept. 13

"Garden of Moonglow" is the theme of the annual Magnolia Ball. Magnolia Ball highlights the start of the 11th season for the Diamondhead Performing Arts Society.

Magnolia Ball will be an evening of dinner and dancing held in a nocturnal garden setting of the Antebellum South. Guests will be surrounded by magnolia blossoms, and decor featuring a rich blend of sensational color.

Bert Hill and the High Society Swing Orchestra will provide music for dancing throughout the evening. Bert Hill and his orchestra have become very famous performing nationally at country clubs and many hotels including the Waldorf Astoria in New York. They are one of the premier dance bands performing today.

The Magnolia Ball will

be at the Diamondhead Country Club on Friday, Sept. 13. The ball is being planned and organized by Shelia Pace, chairman, and assistant Mrs. Gerry Ingraham.

Invitations to the black tie or Antebellum costume ball have been extended to Performing Arts patrons and season ticket holders.

Persons wishing to join the fun of this event are welcome. Seating is limited, however invitations may be obtained by contacting Shelia Pace at 255-7602 or Audrey Ramirez at 255-1641.

The Diamondhead Performing Arts Society will begin their 11th season with "Late Nite Catechism" starting Amanda Hebert on Sunday evening Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

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MAC seeks nominations for Awards for Excellence

The Mississippi Arts Commission is seeking nominations for the 2003 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

The awards, presented annually by the commission and the Governor's Office, recognizes organizations and individuals whose work on behalf of the arts has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the cultural life of Mississippi, said Tim Hedgepeth, commission executive director.

Previous winners have included Leontyne Price; authors Eudora Welty, Willie Morris and Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander; BellSouth; Malaco Records; Mississippi State Hospital Community Services Homeless Program; Morgan Freeman; Marty Stuart; Mississippi Mass Choir; Pierce Street Elementary; Noxubee County Library; Crossroads Quilters; architect Samuel Mockbee; Abie (Boogaloo) Ames; and philanthropist John Palmer.

A panel of judges representing all aspects of the arts will select the winners, who will be honored at an awards ceremony on Feb. 28.

To obtain a nomination form, call the Commission at 601-359-6030 or visit www.arts.state.ms.us. Nomination forms and supplementary materials must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than Sept. 23.

Hand deliveries should be received by the Commission - 239 N. Lamar Street Suite 207, Jackson, MS 39201 - no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 23.

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency, funded by the Mississippi legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds and other private sources.

Riverview Civic Association installs directors



The Riverview Civic Association recently installed its board of directors for 2002-03. They are, front from left, Ray Spicuzza, vice-president; Sam Sketteno, president; Mayvalan Hudson, corresponding secretary; Jean Lichtfuss, recording secretary; back row, Annette Savell, treasurer; Annabelle Dinette, and Charlie Farrell, board members. Not pictured is Mardi Brown, board member.

West Nile virus cases continue to increase

Most recent virus-related death reported in Pike County Aug. 20, totaling deaths to three since July 19

- 64 human cases (reported since July 19) - including three deaths
- One of the three deaths announced for the first time Aug. 20 - a Pike County resident
- 9 new human cases announced for first time Aug. 20: residents of Copiah, Jasper, and Monroe counties marking the first human case for those locales plus six who reside in Forrest, Hinds, and Pike counties
- Hinds has reported a total of 22 cases
- Most of Mississippi's cases have West Nile encephalitis, not the milder WN fever.
- Mississippi now has identified West Nile virus infection as follows:

- 118 birds
- 74 horses (new, first time for horses: Choctaw, Perry, and Winston counties)
- 5 mosquito pools - this additional pool in Hinds County

- 64 humans - residents of 22 different counties
- 59 total counties with at least one West Nile virus infection

State Health Officer Dr. Ed Thompson said, "We must make sure every Mississippi resident knows that mosquitoes can kill and how to take the public health steps to prevent West Nile infections in the community."

"We've identified the infection in birds, mosquitoes, horses, and humans - and we will report more human cases," the State Health Officer predicted.

"The number of cases will depend on how well people protect themselves and how well communities protect their citizens with effective mosquito control programs."

- Avoid mosquitoes whenever possible,
- Stay indoors or take

personal protective measures, especially between dusk and dawn.

- Use mosquito repellent with DEET (10 to 30 percent for adults and lower concentrations of 10 percent or less for children as recommended by American Academy of Pediatrics). Follow label directions.
- Wear long-sleeved, long-legged clothing with socks and shoes outdoors when practical.
- Reduce the breeding source - the most effective and economical method toward long-term mosquito control.
- Find latest Mississippi facts about West Nile virus at www.msdc.state.ms.us.

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Special education hot topic for educators

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The state Board of Education will move this fall to repair flaws in its special education system and increase access for special needs students.

Prompted by new federal rules, the state board will consider at its September meeting plans to address those needs and notify federal educators of those plans.

Mississippi schools are also operating under a consent decree from a 1979 lawsuit that requires the state to improve education and health services for physically and mentally challenged students.

The state board wants to get out from under the consent decree, which members said varies from the federal law on several key issues.

Special education programs serve a variety of students whose disabilities can include mental retardation,

blindness, hearing impairments, emotional disturbances, dyslexia, autism or other conditions.

State school superintendent Henry Johnson told board members Thursday that he wants to make sure laws concerning special education students are obeyed, whether they are federal laws or the state consent decree.

"Unless and until a judge rules he'll free us from the consent decree, we're under a legal obligation to meet the conditions," he said.

At the Department of Education's request, Attorney General Mike Moore's office has been negotiating to eliminate the consent decree. The Washington-based Children's Defense Fund is supplying an attorney for the plaintiffs.

David Shepherd, executive director of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, asked

board members to delay approval of the special education plan until October to give local superintendents time to be involved. He said superintendents are concerned because they have to implement special education policy in their districts.

"The superintendents' association has not been involved until after issues came out in May. They feel like with extra time they could be educated and make a good decision," Shepherd said.

State board member Frank Melton of Jackson said the decision is not up to local superintendents. He said superintendents don't make state policy; they implement it.

Helen Johnson, a Holmes County School Board member and no relation to the state superintendent, said the state board has not complied with the court decree. She said parents have not

been able to go back into court to get the decree enforced.

Congress is preparing to rewrite regulations on special education.

Most Democrats and a few Republicans are seeking millions more in federal money for schools to serve disabled students and a congressional commitment to make yearly increases in special education. They say the government has met less than half of its commitment to give states 40 percent of the money they need to help students with a range of disabilities.

Republicans and the Bush administration have blocked the efforts. They contend states and schools must fix the current system before Congress substantially increases financing.

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Acacia National Life Insurance Company		
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Nebraska		
68510-2234		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	446,062,121
Stocks	\$	354,125
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	(9,944,836)
Real Estate	\$	0
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	9,735,009
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	32,174,548
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	0
Other Admitted Assets	\$	14,545,119
Separate Account Assets	\$	174,506,690
Total Assets	\$	688,232,448
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	429,183,491
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	107,462
All Other Liabilities	\$	45,263,650
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	174,506,690
Total Liabilities	\$	649,061,293
Capital Stock	\$	8,550,000
Surplus Funds	\$	30,711,155
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	39,261,155
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	688,232,448

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Acacia Life Insurance Company		
5900 "O" St.		
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Assets		
Bonds	\$	578,907,690
Stocks	\$	116,906,027
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	140,181,133
Real Estate	\$	5,787,518
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	66,444,380
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	33,992,118
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	8,620,925
Other Admitted Assets	\$	70,610,999
Separate Account Assets	\$	0
Total Assets	\$	1,021,450,788
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	749,709,454
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	5,985,829
All Other Liabilities	\$	127,337,180
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	0
Total Liabilities	\$	883,032,463
Capital Stock	\$	28,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$	110,418,327
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	138,418,327
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	1,021,450,788

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Property and Casualty Companies		
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as of		
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of		
Trinity Universal Insurance Company		
P. O. Box 655018		
Dallas		
Texas		
75265-5028		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	594,807,690
Stocks	\$	882,501,287
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	0
Real Estate	\$	1,321,717
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$	94,467,122
Agency Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	209,284,565
Other Admitted Assets	\$	221,049,721
Total Assets	\$	2,003,432,103
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Losses	\$	523,603,408
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	129,532,086
Unearned Premiums	\$	367,773,052
All Other Liabilities	\$	367,267,920
Total Liabilities	\$	1,388,166,466
Capital Stock	\$	3,250,000
Surplus Funds	\$	612,015,637
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	615,265,637
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	2,003,432,103

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of		
Aetna Life Insurance Company		
151 Farmington Avenue - RE2R		
Hartford		
Connecticut		
06156-9154		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	9,911,531,998
Stocks	\$	527,486,674
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	1,925,069,183
Real Estate	\$	306,950,032
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	8,463,553
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	735,583,015
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	238,243,869
Other Admitted Assets	\$	1,794,821,096
Separate Account Assets	\$	11,279,978,549
Total Assets	\$	26,728,177,968
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	8,274,320,899
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	833,511,571
All Other Liabilities	\$	4,629,556,940
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	11,279,978,549
Total Liabilities	\$	25,017,367,959
Capital Stock	\$	62,765,460
Surplus Funds	\$	1,647,994,551
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	1,710,760,011
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	26,728,177,968

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December 31, 2001		
of		
Academy Life Insurance Company		
20 Moores Road		
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Pennsylvania		
15255		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	210,513,020
Stocks	\$	9,375,237
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	40,533,399
Real Estate	\$	0
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	50,176,959
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	8,132,999
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	4,601,993
Other Admitted Assets	\$	7,080,719
Separate Account Assets	\$	0
Total Assets	\$	330,234,326
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	200,942,805
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	1,545,371
All Other Liabilities	\$	76,569,347
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	0
Total Liabilities	\$	279,057,523
Capital Stock	\$	2,500,000
Surplus Funds	\$	48,676,603
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	51,176,603
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	330,234,326

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of		
All American Life Insurance Company		
P.O. Box 1874		
Milwaukee		
Wisconsin		
53204		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	1,772,952,441
Stocks	\$	12,250,285
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	90,037,840
Real Estate	\$	2,458,576
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	141,025,451
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	33,121,963
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	32,371,533
Other Admitted Assets	\$	99,216,303
Separate Account Assets	\$	0
Total Assets	\$	2,183,435,393
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	1,844,697,003
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	17,598,517
All Other Liabilities	\$	153,732,875
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	0
Total Liabilities	\$	2,016,028,395
Capital Stock	\$	6,043,279
Surplus Funds	\$	161,363,719
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	167,406,998
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	2,183,435,393

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of		
Park Avenue Life Insurance Company		
7 Hanover Square		
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Assets		
Bonds	\$	378,174,047
Stocks	\$	108,934,569
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	0
Real Estate	\$	0
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	5,040,934
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	8,224,944
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	8,664,840
Other Admitted Assets	\$	73,158,830
Separate Account Assets	\$	0
Total Assets	\$	582,198,164
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	342,233,469
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	3,444,364
All Other Liabilities	\$	77,413,986
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	0
Total Liabilities	\$	423,091,819
Capital Stock	\$	2,500,000
Surplus Funds	\$	156,606,345
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	159,106,345
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	582,198,164

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of		
Canada Life Assurance Company, The		
6201 Powers Ferry Rd., N.W.		
Atlanta		
Georgia		
30339		
Assets		
Bonds	\$	2,058,401,870
Stocks	\$	402,854,340
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$	1,137,371,819
Real Estate	\$	20,718,002
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	\$	304,572,671
Cash on Hand and Short-Term Investments	\$	126,791,056
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	\$	50,627,655
Other Admitted Assets	\$	174,946,681
Separate Account Assets	\$	0
Total Assets	\$	4,276,284,094
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds		
Aggregate Reserve for Life and AH Policies	\$	2,753,412,095
Life and AH Policy and Contract Claims	\$	226,358,777
All Other Liabilities	\$	1,001,293,974
Separate Account Liabilities	\$	0
Total Liabilities	\$	3,981,064,846
Capital Stock	\$	0
Surplus Funds	\$	295,219,249
Total Capital and Surplus	\$	295,219,249
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$	4,276,284,095

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Some 100 students attend band camp



Bay High Tiger Pride Marching Band

Bay High Tiger Pride Marching Band recently completed its annual five-day band camp at Bay High School.

Ms. Crider, director of bands, said all students worked extremely hard in the late July heat, and

once the students realized that they must eat breakfast before coming to camp, the fainting stopped.

This year's half-time show is entitled "El Toro." The band will perform all Spanish tunes, and there will be some very unusual,

excitement on the field later on in the marching season. Crider is assisted by Bay-Waveland Middle School Band Director Kelly Sanders and Bay High-Steppers Dance Team Director Natalie Skinner.

Scholarship established for children of military killed in War on Terrorism

Today, the nation's largest veterans organization announced the creation of a memorial scholarship for children of members of America's Armed Forces who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"We know that meeting the cost of a college education can be difficult for the average household. But, it is a major financial burden for one-parent families," said Richard J. Santos, national commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion.

"The brave Americans who sacrifice their lives in

the battle against terrorism are heroes. We have an obligation to help their children reap the benefits of higher education as they become the future leaders of our nation."

Children of active duty military personnel and federalized Guard and Reserve personnel, killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, will be eligible.

Funds for the program will come from donations and bequests from a variety of sources. Awards will be based on financial need, leadership, scholarship and citizenship. Disbursement of

the funds will begin in 2003. Thereafter, the scholarships will be awarded annually.

"As Abraham Lincoln said, '...let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan,'" Santos said. "The American Legion is proud to continue that legacy."

The American Legion September 11 Memorial Scholarship was established by the Legion's board of directors, meeting this week at national headquarters in Indianapolis.

County firefighters assist nationwide

Mississippi Forestry Commission personnel from Hancock County were again busy with the severe wildland fires in the West. Two more were out in July, another left the beginning of August, and a third left Aug. 19.

Albert Daniels is again on an assignment as a helicopter crewmember. This time he is on the Hayman Fire in Colorado. This 138,000-acre human-caused fire was contained last month and now crews are working on rehabilitation of the firelines and erosion control projects.

Without a lot of effort the steep country there will begin to wash away long before the native grasses begin to grow and stabilize the soil.

A member of the second 20-person state hand-tool crew made up of Forestry Commission personnel from all over the state was Dawn Liscomb.

They were originally dispatched to Arizona but just as they arrived their normal summer showers began. They spent a few days touring the state in a school bus, about 1,500 miles, until it was decided to send them to the Missionary Ridge Fire in southwest Colorado.

This 70,000-acre lightning-caused fire had been recently contained and they assisted with the mop-up and began rehabilitation work.

Another firefighter who just

returned is Mark Jamieson. He was filling a division supervisor trainee position on the 747 Fire in central Oregon.

On large fires the Incident Management Team divides the fire up into divisions, which splits up the work so nobody is overwhelmed with responsibilities.

Jamieson's division was almost six miles long and had close to 100 people working on the line.

"We had everything from hand crews, dozers, engines and helicopters working to contain my area of the fire. It was a great experience coordinating all the resources and containing the fire in my division. I was fortunate to be working under a division supervisor who eased me into the process and let me demonstrate my abilities," Jamieson said.

A national overhead team from the Southeast, the Red Team, managed the 747 Fire. People from many state and federal agencies from all over the southern region staff this team, with the incident commander being Mike Melton from the U.S. Forest Service, Jackson.

Jamieson is hoping to be called up again by this team if they are called to service.

On August 19, Jamieson again boarded an airplane to Oregon. This time the Southern Area Red Team is headed for the Tiller Complex

in southwest Oregon. This 67,000-acre complex, or group, of lightning-caused fires has been burning since last month.

Mississippi Forestry Commission personnel from all over the state have been and are currently assisting on fires in 10 western and three southern states.

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Classes for 3-year-olds will begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, and 4-year-olds will have classes beginning Wednesday, Sept. 4.

There are presently openings for students in both classes.

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Louisiana group vows to fight for shrimpers' rights, survival

LAROSE, La. (AP) — A new 22-member board of fishermen and others affiliated with Louisiana's struggling shrimp industry will oversee a fight for survival financed by "penny-per-pound" contributions from catches sold at the state's docks.

Conceived during a series of summits between shrimpers, processors and other industry factions, the Louisiana Shrimp Association emerged as a functioning organization Tuesday. During a marathon meeting at the Larose Civic Center, board members were appointed and bylaws approved.

Fisherman George Barisich of Chalmette, whose United Commercial Fisherman's Association had led efforts to rescue fishermen from low prices and other difficulties attributed to a flood of low-priced shrimp imports, is president of the new group. Pete Gerica, a New Orleans fisherman and longtime activist who led an unsuccessful battle against Louisiana's gill-net ban, is chairman of the board.

Initial plans were for the Penny Per Pound money to go solely into the fight against imports. But organizers said Tuesday that other battles may be financed as well, including the fight against a planned lawsuit by environmentalists who want the U.S. government to require larger turtle escape hatches in shrimp nets.

"The Louisiana Shrimp Association is about unifying all aspects of the shrimp industry and helping people see it as a vital industry," said the group's secretary,

Julie Falgout of Houma. "In addition to fighting the things that make it hard for us to make a living, we are focused on changing the image of our industry and producing the best shrimp in the world, the T-bone steak of the industry."

Falgout, a shrimp-boat owner who works as a secretary at Harvest Cathedral on St. Charles Street, is the wife of shrimp fisherman Dean Falgout.

"We will have a good balance of people representing different aspects of the industry: small boats, big boats, inside fishermen, offshore fishermen, dock owners, dealers, etc.," she said. "It won't be focused on just one issue or group. We need to educate people in the industry on the different aspects of the industry."

The fall shrimping season opens Monday. Depressed prices coupled with two unusual spring cold fronts and a lackluster crop of spring brown shrimp have left shrimpers reeling and others in the industry, including processors, more than a little nervous.

A.J. Fabre, the Lafitte shrimper and board member who, with his wife, Sheron, has circulated a petition seeking government help, said he is comfortable with the mix of members.

"This board is all people I know personally," said Fabre. "I know that we're all in the same boat."

Twelve members will bring receipt books to docks. When the penny per pound is collected, receipts will go to the captain. A copy will be kept at the dock and another will go to the organization for auditing.

Organizers said they hope to have the program fully in place by Monday's starting day.

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Obituaries

VEST DEDEAUX R. J. KLONOSKI CLEO SASSER MYLISSA WALSH

VEST DEDEAUX
Vest Dedeaux, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, in Gulfport. Services are pending at J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

RICHARD J. KLONOSKI
Richard Joseph Klonoski, 64, of Pascagoula, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, in Pascagoula.

Mr. Klonoski was a native of Scranton, Pa., and a resident of Pascagoula. He was retired from the Marine Corps having served in Vietnam and received many awards, including the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a member of the Marine Corps Association and the Woodmen of the World, Lodge 63.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daugh-

ter, Krystal Klonoski. Survivors include his wife, Marie Klonoski of Pascagoula; four daughters, Karen Logan of Helena, Karla Dickens of Escatawpa, Katherine Klonoski of Pascagoula and Kelly Lavinghouse of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Christine Wickizer and Annie Grado, both of Taylor, Pa.; a brother, Eddie Klonoski of Wilmington, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at Jackson County Funeral Services in Escatawpa.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pascagoula.

Burial will be in Machpelah Cemetery in Pascagoula with full military honors, directed by Jackson County Funeral Services.

CLEO SASSER
Cleo A. Beech Sasser, of Beach Park, Ill., born December 29, 1930, in Long Beach, died Thursday,

August 8, 2002, in Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Sasser was a resident of Beach Park, Ill., and was retired from the Civil Service.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Ellis Beech and her mother, Annie Jessie Alexander Beech.

Survivors include her companion of 18 years, Barry J. Phillips of Beach Park, Ill.; her son, Donald Ray Snyder and wife, Kathy, of Pass Christian; her daughter, Evelyn René Snyder Burrows of Vallejo, Calif.; three brothers, Odis "Buster" Beech and his wife, Barbara of Long Beach, Jerry Beech and wife, Zola of Wiggins, and Jack Beech and wife, Dortha of Wiggins; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted at Allen Cemetery in Long Beach on Sunday, August 18.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

MYLISSA WALSH

Myliissa Beauvais Walsh, 22, of Ocean Springs, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Ocean Springs.

Mrs. Walsh was a lifelong resident of the Coast and was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church in Gautier.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Walsh of Vancleave; her mother and stepfather, Wayne and Judy Beauvais Ford; her father and stepmother, Robert and Mary Beauvais, all of Pass Christian; a brother, Robert Frank Beauvais Jr. of Ocean Springs; her grandmother, Lois Lamb of Ocean Springs; a stepsister, Elizabeth Smith of Gulfport; and five stepbrothers, Dwayne Saucier and Donald Ray Saucier, both of Pass Christian, Joshua Clark of Biloxi, Michael Ford and Jeffrey Ford, both of Pass Christian.

Services were conducted Tuesday at the Ocean Springs Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes. Burial was in Crestlawn Cemetery.

DBPA meets Aug. 29

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association membership meeting is Thursday, Aug. 29 at 8 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest speakers will be Mike Ladner, superintendent of Hancock County Schools, and Rick Saucier, director of Vocational Technology.

Business After Hours will be the same day, 5-7 p.m., hosted by the staff of Hancock Medical Outpatient Rehab Services, located in the Shepherd Square business area. For directions, call 586-2432.

A website has been created for the association and is online at www.dbpa.org.

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Gulfport funeral director elected to board

The National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) has announced the election of Arthur W. "Bubba" Lang, CFSP, of Gulfport, as an at-large representative of its Executive Board. Lang was elected to the position during NFDA's Leadership Conference in July. He will begin his two-year term following NFDA's 121st Annual Convention & Expo in San Antonio, Texas, October 20-23.

A fourth-generation funeral director, Lang has been serving families for 33 years. He currently is the vice president/director of operations for the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Lang's previous involvement with NFDA includes acting as a co-chairman of the Political Action Committee and as a member of the Government Relations Committee and Policy Board.

At the state level, Lang has served as a district governor of the Mississippi Funeral Directors Association (MFDA), and as a member of the MFDA Executive Board, including serving as president from 1996 to 1999.

Lang also is very active in the community and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Mortuary Science

Department, Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, and Selected Independent Funeral Homes.

As an NFDA at-large representative to the Executive Board, Lang attends meetings of the Executive Board, the Policy Board and the House of Delegates.

He also serves as a member of the Operations Committee and as an Executive Board liaison on committees, subcommittees or task forces as appointed by the NFDA president.

NFDA is headquartered in Brookfield, Wis. and has an office in Washington, D.C. It is the world's oldest and largest national funeral

service association, serving about 13,500 members.

To learn more about NFDA, visit Website www.nfda.org.

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Nearly 80 freshmen at USMGC

The nearly 80 freshmen students who will start classes at the

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Monday aren't the only ones in for a new experience.

For some USMGC professors, the start of the fall semester will bring about a new experience for them, as well. It will be the first time they've taught a class full of freshmen.

When the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled last February that Southern Miss could begin offering courses to freshmen and sophomores; that meant Gulf Park faculty, who had always taught juniors and seniors, were going to face some younger, less-experienced students.

Dr. Eric Nelson, assistant professor of history at USMGC, will teach his very first lower-division course

when he welcomes his students to Western Civilization 101.

He said he is looking forward to the experience.

"For me to be teaching a class such as this is an opportunity to step back and think about what is and what isn't important in everything I teach, because the material is so broad," said Nelson.

"For many of these students, my course will be one of the only history courses they will take. So this is my first chance to shape the way they view the world for the rest of their lives," he added.

According to the registrar's office at USMGC, 79 freshmen have signed up for classes for the fall.

"We had projected that with the money appropriated, we could adequately handle about 75 freshmen

students," said Dr. James Williams, vice president of USMGC. "We have exceeded that goal."

Teaching the new students will involve a number of the Gulf Park campus's veteran professors.

Dr. Pat Smith, who has taught history at USMGC since 1991, will also teach a lower level history course in the fall.

"I look forward to teaching these kind of broad courses because of the new possibilities they bring to me as a professor and the possibilities they create for the student," said Smith.

"Having to teach a broad course will energize me because of the raw innocence this level of students brings with them. This is a chance to help them think about the world around them and draw them into a love for learning."

Southern Gospel artist Gore to perform Aug. 30

Tony Gore became captivated with Southern Gospel Music at the tender age of 10 as he listened to a local radio station in his hometown of Clanton, Ala.

The dream of singing Gospel music grew in his heart until he started singing locally at the age of 14. His next step was singing with The Southmen, a regional group based out of Birmingham, Ala.

Gore next joined The Wilburns from Carthage, Tenn. The Wilburns' songs featuring Gore's voice started leaping up the charts.

During his nine years with The Wilburns, he captured the hearts of Southern Gospel fans all across the nation.

In 1993, Gore left The Wilburns to form Tony Gore and Majesty, and they began touring in the spring of

1994. Immediately they were embraced by Gospel Music fans everywhere. The first song they released in 1993, "Thank God," was a Top 5 song.

Then they released "I Know What It's Like," another Top 5 song. "Put On A Crown" was a Top 10 song, but is still the most requested song they have ever done.

Their first number one song, "Meanwhile In The Garden," stayed on the charts as No. 1 for three months. Recently, "Blessed Be The Name" also went to Number One.

They traveled and sang

and became one of the most requested artists on Gospel Music Television and in major radio markets across the United States, South Africa and Ireland.

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Hancock County receives benefits from PRCC's Workforce Development Center

Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center in Hattiesburg served more than 10,500 citizens within its six-county district last year.

From July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, the Center participated in training partnerships with 61 organizations, primarily businesses and industries that pay taxes and exist to make a profit. Those training partnerships provided basic skills, technical and job specific training to working men and women.

"The Workforce Development Center has performed a critical economic function in assisting businesses and industries to train their workers," said Ed Felsher, director of the PRCC Workforce Center.

"The center has made a difference to a whole lot of working folks. All signs point to the certainty that demands for workforce training in the PRCC district will increase, especially in the more technologically complex work skills."

The center delivers workforce training assistance in Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion and Pearl River counties. While the center exists primarily to serve working people employed in the business and industry community, workforce training assistance is also offered to individuals who are not currently employed and to public service organizations.

The state Board for Community and Junior Colleges supported workforce training in the PRCC district with more than \$1.5 million of state training funds for 95 projects. Forrest County alone accounted for 30 training partnerships with the Workforce Development Center and benefited from more than \$1 million of state training funds. Hancock County accounted

for 11 training projects and benefited from more than \$330,000 of state training funds. Third highest was Marion County with nine training projects that benefited from more than \$120,000 of state training funds. Fourth was Pearl River County with eight training projects that benefited from some \$18,000 of state training funds.

During nearly eight years of serving the working community, the PRCC center has served nearly 40,000 people. This has been accomplished by providing training to working folks in job skills ranging from basic workplace reading and mathematics to advanced computer applications and operation of state-of-the-art metal shaping machinery.

"Training by the center is customized to meet the needs expressed by customers," said Felsher. "The services and resources of the Workforce Development Center are available to any business or industry organization located in the six counties served by PRCC."

The PRCC Workforce Development Center's training activities are organized around three training delivery systems:

1. Workforce training partnerships between the PRCC Workforce Development Center and

business, industry, educational and public service organizations in the PRCC district;

2. Adult Basic Education Programs that provide adult education training services and resources to individuals seeking basic job skills training and/or assistance with GED preparation;

3. The Small Business Development Center that provides advice, counsel and other forms of assistance to individuals engaged in starting or operation a small business.

During the last fiscal year, significant activities included the continued development of the Advanced Technology Center project in Hattiesburg and Remote Sensing Education activities.

The Mississippi Legislature has set aside \$4 million to build the ATC center, along with a \$1 million match in local funds - \$500,000 from the city of Hattiesburg, \$400,000 from Forrest County and \$100,000 from the Asbury Foundation.

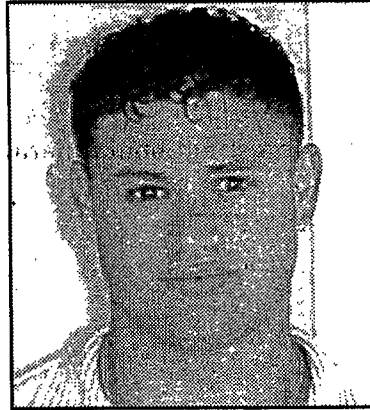
The Center will be located in the Hattiesburg-Forrest County Industrial Park. The architect has completed design of the facility and once it is approved by the state Buildings

Commission, the bid process will begin.

According to Felsher, the Workforce Development Center will be an integral and vital component in planning and managing workforce training programs provided by the ATC. The Center continued a major training support effort of the Lockheed Martin plant start-up at the Stennis Space Center. Training of satellite propulsion and metrology technicians absorbed most of the funds and effort extended by the Workforce Development Center's Lockheed Martin Site Team.

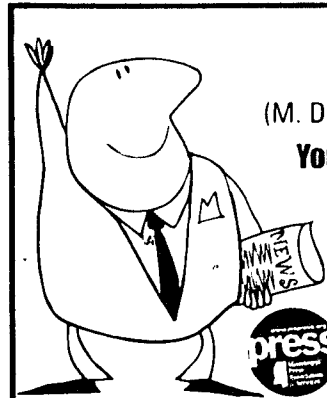
This training project completed its second year of operation in Fiscal Year 2002 and will likely operate for at least one more year.

"Our focus will broaden significantly as we begin the process of integrating the Workforce Development Center with the Advanced Technology Center," said Felsher. "This must be accomplished while continuing to deliver customized workforce training to businesses, industries and other organizations that represent a very large part of the Workforce Development Center's customer base."



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The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau has contracted with Decision Scientific, L. L. C., a management consulting and applied research firm, to conduct a year-long, visitor profile study.

This research will identify who the visitors are, where they are coming from, what their interests are and how knowledgeable they are about Hancock County as a tourism destination.

Quarterly results will be reported to the Tourism Bureau, as well as a final full-year report.

The finished study will help to identify seasons, markets, and potential growth areas. This will act as a guide to developing more qualified advertising and promotional decisions.

"We are anxious for the results to start coming in," said Beth Carriere, the Bureau's director. "The final report will be available to existing businesses for their planning purposes, as well as for all new business inquiries received by our office each year."

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Nancy Arroyo, Aileen Sauzer, Charlotte Richardson, Olga Skelton and George Sauzer, at the Hancock County Food Pantry Tuesday morning.

Sauzer -- retiring

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16 years later, have decided it is time to really retire.

Also retiring are long time volunteer, Olga Skelton, with 16 years and Charlotte Richardson, with 13 years of service. August 31 will be the last day for all four.

Aileen has served as director, president or "what-ever they want to call me" for the past 13 of those years. George hauled all the groceries and built what needed to be built, including shelves, counters, tables, and even a giant cooler to store grains and bread. They are getting five people to replace him, said Aileen.

The couple, both just a year or two from 80 years old, have been married for 57 years, have two children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They met in West Virginia, originally home to them both, where Aileen worked for the telephone company and George worked for Union Carbide.

His job took the couple to Louisiana, where they lived for 20 years before moving to the coast in 1985. They also spent two and a half years in Puerto Rico courtesy of Union Carbide. When George retired they

decided to build a permanent residence rather than a summer cottage, on property they owned in Kiln.

Besides the house they now call home, the couple has built four other houses together, doing all the work themselves. Now that they are retired the couple will not be sitting around. They have made a list of projects to finish on the house. Several vacations are also planned. And there are high school reunions, recently their 60th, and monthly dinners with other retired employees from Union Carbide. And George's duties as the president of the Jordan River Ranchettes Home Owners Association will also keep him busy.

"When we first got involved in this project we were told that there was no need for such help in Hancock County", said Aileen. "But the numbers of people that the Food Pantry has helped has proved that wrong."

The Pantry helped 900 people last month and this month so far 600 people have asked for help, George said. The summer months are always the busiest, he said, and unemployment in

the state is up which brings more people.

The couple say they are just happy to have been able to serve the community for the past 16 years. They grew up during the depression and remember what it was like to not have enough food to feed a family, they said.

"Some times people just need a little help," said George.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of our faithful volunteers and all the people in the community, both individuals, groups, agencies and even the sheriff's department," said Aileen. "And we want to thank everyone who had faith in our cause. With their help we hope the Pantry will continue to be successful for many more years."

Law

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McNeil and Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell's departments, all keep records of the numbers and types of calls received.

The calls the sheriff's office and police departments receive each week range over a wide variety of complaints such as armed robbery, shoplifting, alarm calls, fights, domestics, accidents, assaults, rapes, thefts, burglaries, shootings, cats up a tree, an elderly family member has fallen, deaths, fires, convicted felons not registered, residents with out-of-town vehicular tag, etc.

Dispatchers for the department never really know what type and how many calls they will receive.

The three top law enforcement officers in the area all agree that domestic violence calls are the ones officers most hate to respond to. Domestic violence calls for the three departments combined average more two a day.

The drug task force agents of Bay St. Louis and

Waveland and the sheriff's department stay busy addressing drug problems throughout the area.

Task forces are grateful for the tips they receive from the general public about possible drug activities. The tips have helped solve many drug problems in recent months.

To report possible drug activities in the rural areas of the county, call the Sheriff's Narcotics Division at 467-1496, or the Sheriff's Office at 467-5101; in the Bay-Waveland area, the Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force, 467-3669, or 467-9221.

All three, Garber, Varnell and McNeil, say information received will be kept confidential.

Law officers are on duty 24 hours a day, as are dispatchers, no matter the problem, to respond to the needs of the residents of the community. Their telephone numbers are: sheriff's office, 467-5101; Bay police, 467-9221; and Waveland police, 467-3669.

Little League Softball banquet

Hancock County Little League-Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will hold its 2002 Awards Banquet on Sunday August 25 at 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

Players and coaches are asked to wear their team shirt and bring their shorts for return if they have not already done so.

For details, call Herb at 467-1291 or Walter at 467-6598.

9-11 -- Legion

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Bourgeois-Stieffel-Ray American Legion Post 77 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253 are sponsoring the "Patriots' Day" celebration.

Post Commander Hap Giarrusso has named past Post Commander Jim Long, who is now the American Legion 9th District Commander as the chairman of the special events for the "Patriots' Day."

Long said, "This special ceremony is to honor those who lost their lives in the 9-11 attack on America, and especially those who lost their lives trying to save others on that tragic day."

"Officials from Hancock County, cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Sheriff's Department, Bay-Waveland Police as well as all fire units and other emergency units have been invited to honor those who fell that day," Long added.

Community church bells will also ring on the morning of September 11, at the four times the hijacked planes made contact, 7:45 a.m., 8:03 a.m., 8:43 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Long urges everyone to listen for the church bells to remember the attack.

The American Legion's National Headquarters has informed American Legion posts across the country to remind them that Congress has designated September 11 as a day of remembrance by passing Public Law 107-89 as "Patriots' Day."

Long reports the Legion is in the process of securing a special speaker for the ceremony at the Bay Flag Memorial at the Walking Track.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend the special ceremony. This includes all members of veterans organizations,

bands, marching groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., Long said. "We ask them to wear their caps and uniforms too," Long added.

Following the ceremony at the Bay Flag Memorial, Bay Legion Post 139 will have an open house with snacks and refreshments at the post home on Green Meadow Road, and everyone is invited.

Also during the month of September, the 50 United States Flags will be display on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis in honor of those who perished in the 9-11 Attacks.

The U.S. flag on Highway 90 has flown every day for over seven years and is maintained by the City of Bay St. Louis, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Republican Women's Club luncheon is Aug. 28

The Hancock County Republican Women's Club will have its annual luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 28 at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Social hour is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30.

State Auditor Phil Bryant will be guest speaker.

The luncheon honors the 1976 HCRWC charter members.

Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call Donna at 466-3452 or Lucette at 467-1286.

Deadline for reservations is Aug. 27.

Motorcycle

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"These men may not look as conventional as a man dressed in a suit and tie, but they give with their hearts. I would like to see any men dressed in suits challenge their giving ... they are a sincere group and they are making a difference."

In other business Tuesday:

• Councilman Bill Taylor questioned several figures in the monthly budget report. Some accounts, showed a reduction in expenditure totals for the year. Taylor said he did not understand how expenditure totals could go down from one month to the next. He also questioned a \$500 reduction in the water revenues from July to August.

Favre said that some of the differences could be attributed to transfers of moneys from one account to another. He also said that computers were down for about two weeks and so many expenditures had not been recorded for August. Business manager Bobby Parker said that adjustments to meter readings could account for a reduction in the water revenue report.

• Councilmen voted to accept a contract to buy city fuel from Fuelman at a reduced rate. The contract could save the city from \$15,000 to \$20,000 or more in a year's time, Favre estimated.

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Legion aux. celebrating Mardi Gras for a good cause

THE SEA COAST ECHO

American Legion Auxiliary Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 will host a Mardi Gras fund raiser and ball. The Krewe of Les Bon Temps will hold its fund raising from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

The carnival ball will be held Jan. 31 in the Hancock Civic Center on Longfellow Road from 8 to 12 p.m. Music will be provided by Dr. Rock and the Interns.

Two teams have been formed, and they will run against each other for the title of king and queen. The team that raises the most money will be King Clement and Queen Minnerva, and the runner-up will be the Grand Duke and Duchess.

There will be six maids and dukes, three from Green Team and three from the Purple Team.

The auxiliary is asking the community to assist with this important project to aide the veterans of Mississippi.

The candidates are the Purple Team are Bobbie Boyd-Staehle and Dan Bonin, and the Green Team Retta Cardin and Ron Kennedy.

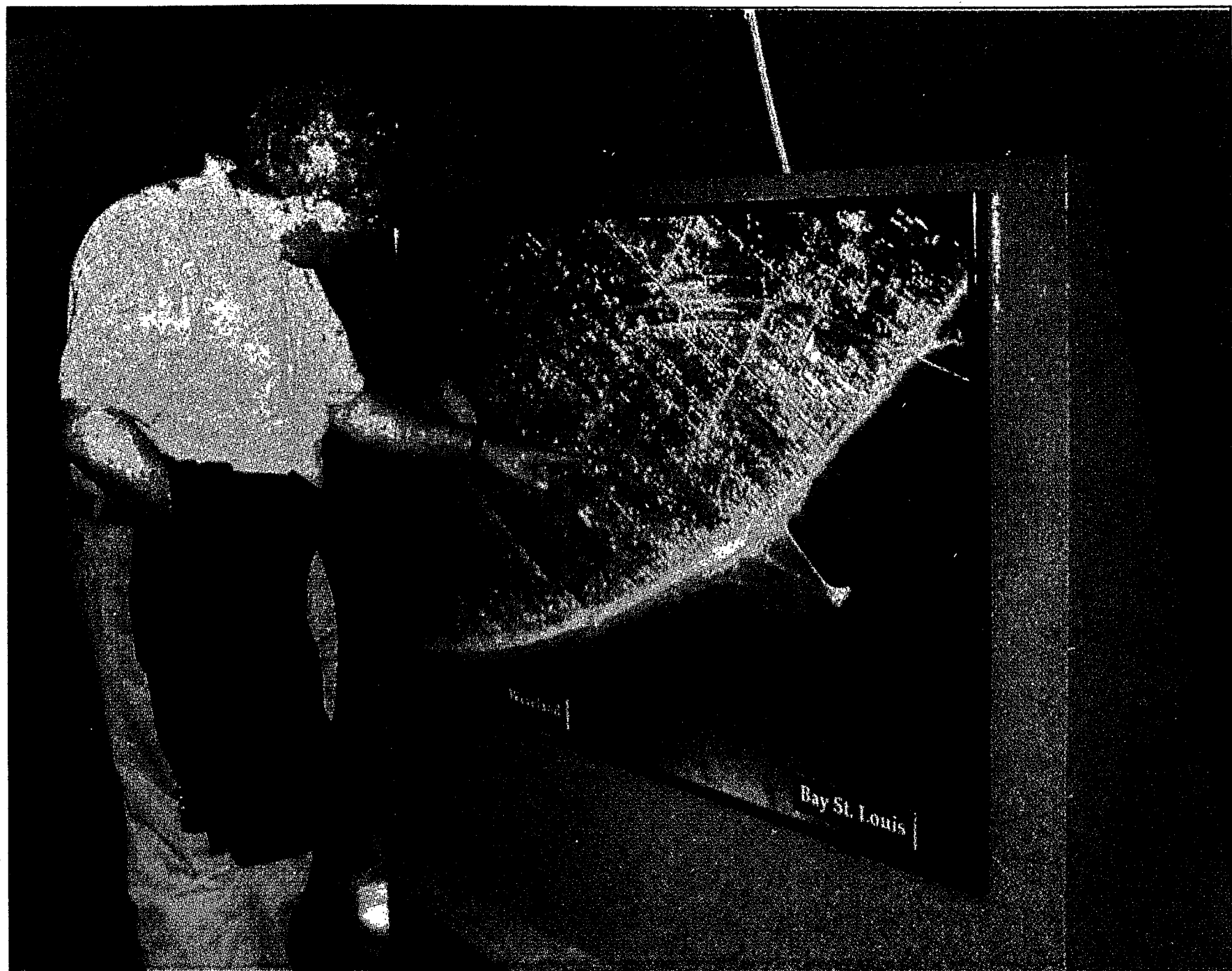
Finance chairman for Boyd-Staehle/Bonin will be Lou Wilkerson, and the Purple Maids and Dukes will be Heather Cowand and T. J. Burleson, Connie Triplett and Raymon Scott, Beth Burleson and John Wilkerson.

Finance chairman for Cardin/Kennedy will be Bobbye Tomlinson, and the Green Maids and Dukes will be Ruby Thomas and George Piazza, Lynette Carbin and Bill Taylor, Debbie and Roy Wittle.

This will be an annual affair, and the proceeds will be donated to the Department President's Special Project. American Legion Auxiliary Department President Kathy Dungan has chosen as her special project this year the four VA medical centers that serve Mississippi, in Gulfport, Biloxi, Jackson and

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Remembering Camille



Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter

Dr. Marco Giardino points out his house on a computer enhanced aerial image of Bay St. Louis and Waveland. The image is part of a group of lost, historic photos of the Hurricane Camille aftermath that were recovered by Daniel Lee, president of GeoTek Management Services Co. The images are now on display at Stennis Space Center's StenniSphere.

StenniSphere marks 33 years since Camille struck the Coast

**BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer**

Visitors to Stennis Space Center's StenniSphere got a special treat this past weekend on the 33rd anniversary of Hurricane Camille. Seven computer enhanced aerial images of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, taken 3 days after land-fall of the category five storm, made their debut at StenniSphere on Saturday. The images will remain on display through the hurricane season. The 403rd Weather Reconnaissance Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, the Hurricane Hunters were also on hand to answer questions.



Richard Rose, director of Harrison County Project Impact, speaks at Saturday's presentation at the StenniSphere, commemorating the 33rd anniversary of Hurricane Camille. Rose's father lost his life during the hurricane.

The photographs, part of a series of forgotten historic images taken after the storm by the staff of the National Space Technology Center and volunteers, were rediscovered

by Daniel Lee, president of GeoTek Management Services Co.

GeoTek occupies the building where the technology center was previously located.

They left behind about 300 rolls of film taken along the coast, Lee said, which he is currently looking through. The film sat in a storage room for over 20 years.

The seven images on display, blown up to a 40" X 60" size, represent sections of the coast from Biloxi to Waveland. The photographs, which were originally in color, have faded to a sepia tone, but computer enhancement has transformed them into detailed records of the aftermath of the storm.

Visitors examined the photographs, looking for evidence of their homes or other familiar places which may or may not have survived the storm. Acting chief Dr. Marco Giardino spoke to the crowd about advances in remote imaging. Satellite imaging is now able to assist in the discovery and tracking of a hurricane by measuring three important factors, wind direction, temper-

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Salvia van houttei attracts admirers, hummingbirds



**SOUTHERN
GARDENING
BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
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They say "seeing is believing," but in the case of Salvia van houttei, seeing is wanting, whether you are a hungry hummingbird or a gardener with an eye for color.

If the wine sage had no other attributes, it at least causes taxonomic discussions over what it really is. Some say it is Salvia van houttei, giving it species status.

Others say it is one of the first selections of the wild Salvia splendens, the different plant we call scarlet

sage or annual salvia. Gardeners who see Salvia van houttei just say, "I've got to have it."

Whether or not this South American native is perennial or annual is another fight altogether. Most consider it perennial in zone 8 and higher and worthy as an annual elsewhere. Everyone who sees it will want the 4-foot by 4-foot plant that is loaded with spiky, burgundy wine colored flowers from spring through frost.

The darting ruby throat-hummingbird will find

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The burgundy wine-colored flowers of the Salvia van houttei are not only beautiful but prove to be a delicacy for ruby-throated hummingbirds.

Entertainment

Classic rock band Kansas comes to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of their smash hit "Point Of Know Return," Kansas will take the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, August 23 at 9 p.m.

Concert tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

Known for such hits as "Dust In The Wind" and "Carry On Wayward Son," Kansas achieved success by playing their original-style music.

The five present members consist of four originals and one with 16 years with the band. Steve Walsh with his soaring lead vocals and passionate keyboard wizardry provides the band's dynamic framework while Richard Williams with his subtle acoustic, innovative style and powerful guitar riffs continue to set Kansas apart from their progressive rock contemporaries.

Robby Steinhardt's spell-binding violin, lead vocals and harmonies give Kansas the rich variety and melodic textures for which the band is famous.

Whether accenting the band's most intimate passages or lighting the fuse to spark an explosive crescendo, Phil Ehart's drums consistently defines an era of classic rock. And superb vocal harmonies and expressive bass playing



Kansas performs at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday night at 9 p.m.

make Billy Greer an integral part of the band's sound.

Over the years, the band has produced eight gold albums, three multi-platinum albums (Leftoverture, Point of Know Return, Best of), one platinum live album (Two for the Show) and a million-selling gold single, "Dust in the Wind."

Kansas has appeared on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the 70's and 80's and played to sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout North America, Europe and Japan.

In fact, "Carry On

Wayward Son" was the #2 most played track on classic rock radio in 1995 and went to #1 in 1997. In 1998, Kansas released an orchestral CD, "Always Never the Same" accompanied by an orchestral tour with top-caliber symphony orchestras.

In 2000, Kansas went back into the studio with original band member and songwriter Kerry Livgren to produce "Somewhere to Elsewhere," including 10 new songs which were written by Livgren and recorded in his studio in Topeka, Kan.

Then last year brought the much anticipated, digi-

tally re-mastered release of "Masque" and "Leftoverture," including never released demos and live cuts; and earlier this year Kansas released the digital re-master of "Point of Know Return."

Next, Kansas will be releasing a state-of-the-art DVD using the latest technology in film, audio and visual design of an Atlanta concert recorded in June. Must be 21 to attend.

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Fuzzy Zoeller at Discovery Center golf benefit Sept. 16

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Join Fuzzy Zoeller and "Play-a-Round" for the Children at the fifth annual Golf Tournament benefiting the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Sept. 16 at the Grand Bear Golf Course in Gulfport.

Zoeller, a professional golfer since 1973, has claimed 10 major victories, including the Masters and the US Open.

"Grand Casinos has hosted the Discovery Center golf tournament for the past three years", says Susan Walker, director of Community Affairs Grand Casinos, "and this year we are partnering with Kraft Foods to sponsor Fuzzy's appearance at the tournament. Having Fuzzy provide a golf clinic plus play in the tournament will add a new level of excitement to the event."

Together with Grand Casinos and Kraft Foods

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"Golf Tips with Fuzzy" takes place 10-10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start for the four-man scramble tournament. at 11. Tournament shirts and lunch are included with the entry fee. The awards reception will recognize first, second and third place teams, as well as low gross and low net winners.

"Being selected one of the USA's top 50 children's museums," says Carrie Rester, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Board member and tournament chairperson, "challenges us to offer quality programs for our visitors. Proceeds from this tournament enable us to achieve that goal."

T-sign opportunities are available. For more information, contact E.A. Allen at 228-539-3383 or Carrie Rester at 228-388-8880.

Crescents volley ball team capsizes Bay High Tigers to remain undefeated

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Our Lady Academy remained undefeated at 3-0 during the 2002 volleyball season with a 2-0 win over cross-town rival Bay High. The Crescents recorded a 15-3 decision in the first set and claimed a hard fought 15-8 decision to seal the win at the Tiger Dome on Tuesday, August 20. The Lady Tigers fell to 1-1 on the season following their victory over St. Martin.

OLA coach Steve Reboul stated, "We moved very well on the court tonight. We got in the right place at the right time. Our passes were crisp and where they needed to be. It was an overall solid effort by the team. On the same token, Bay High played very well. I was very impressed with their overall team play, particularly at the net with Kendra Reed and Tori Lansaw."

Bay High coach Liz Lagarde commented, "We have lost some players from last year's team but overall I think we are more well-rounded team. We have some young players but they are coming around

Gulfport downs Hancock

The Lady Admirals defeated the Hancock Lady Hawks in three sets, 15-8, 12-15, 15-8, Tuesday night at Gulfport in high school volleyball. Brittany Peterson scored nine points for Hancock.

In the junior varsity game, Hancock won 15-3, 15-3. Elyse Ramond and Jenna Parker scored eight points each for the Lady Hawks.

Hancock will face the Bay High Lady Tigers tonight in the Tiger Dome at 6 p.m.

nicely. Everyone contributed tonight and played hard."

In the second set, the score was 4-3 in favor of the Crescents with Bay High serving. OLA's Katherine Milner broke the serve and the Crescents reeled off five straight points to put some distance between themselves and the Tigers.

However, Bay High was not finished. Kendra Reed and Tori Lansaw charged the net on several occasions and recorded several kills for the Lady Tigers.

OLA managed to put together another string of five points to seal the game behind the kills of Milner and assists of Rachel

Cranford. Cranford tallied 13 assists and 10 points for the

Crescents while Milner and Grace Allen combined for 10 kills.

In the junior varsity contest, Bay High won 15-1, 15-9. Jessica Trotter and Hannah Johnson scored ten and nine points respectively for the Lady Tigers.

The Crescents will host Long Beach tonight at 6 p.m. OLA will also play host for the Gulf Coast Kickoff Classic on Friday and Saturday.

Bay High will be at home against the Hancock Lady Hawks tonight at 6 p.m.

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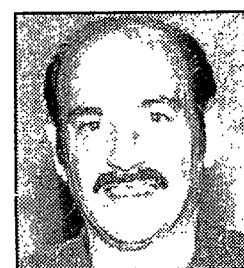
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OLA to host Kickoff Classic

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The OLA volleyball team will play host to the annual Gulf Coast Kickoff Classic on Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24 at the Father Peter Gymnasium.

The Classic will feature teams such as Hancock, Bay High, Pass Christian, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Gautier, Long Beach, Vancleave, Pascagoula, Resurrection, and St. Martin.

Games will begin on Friday at 5pm and there will be two courts in action throughout the Classic.

The teams will be divided into four pools with the winners of each pool playing at 1pm on Saturday. The winners of the 1pm games will play at 2:30pm for the championship.

Pool #1 will feature Biloxi, Hancock, and Ocean Springs. Pool #2 is made up of Gautier, Long Beach, and Vancleave. Pool #3 consists of OLA, Pascagoula, and Resurrection. Pool #4 has Bay High, Pass Christian,

and St. Martin.

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20 OLA Home
22 Hancock* Home
23-24 OLA Classic Volleyball Tournament
27 Gulfport* Away
29 Pass Christian* Away

September
3 Long Beach* Away
5 Oak Grove* Away
10 Mercy Cross* Home
12 OLA* Away
17 Hancock* Away
19 Gulfport* Home
24 Pass Christian* Home
26 Long Beach* Home

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Pass Christian Garden Club 2002-03 officers include, back row from left, Helen Davis, Ann Leggett, Michele Smith, Shirley Williams and Donna McCracken; in front, Petie Hyman and Marie Leruth.

Pass Christian Garden Club installs officers

The Pass Christian Garden Club recently held its installation of officers luncheon at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

Mrs. McInnis (Mary Catherine) Ward and Mrs. James (Julia) Cerra were the installation officials.

The outgoing president, Mrs. Warren (Marie) Leruth thanked the board and all club members for their support during the past year.

As a token of their appreciation club members and board of officers presented Leruth with several gifts.

The following members agreed to serve as officers of the Pass Christian Garden Club for the 2002-2003 year: President, Mrs. Nick (Petie) Hyman of Waveland; First vice president, Mrs. Perry (Helen) Davis.

Second vice president, Mrs. Charles (Ann) Leggett; Recording secretary, Mrs. A. C. (Michelle) Smith; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Shirley Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. James (Donna) McCracken; Historian, Mrs. Etta



Incoming Pass Christian Garden Club president, Petie Hyman, left; and outgoing president, Marie Leruth.

Williams. Parliamentarian, Mrs. Warren (Marie) Leruth. "This coming year the Pass Christian Garden Club's 50 members' focus will be the William Bartram Arboretum, a/k/a The Butterfly and Wildflower Gardens, located on Menge Avenue between North Street and Jones Road," said Petie Hyman, 2002-

2003 club president.

An honorary membership was bestowed on Mrs. Cecile Clement for her outstanding contributions to the P.C. Garden Club.

The Pass Christian Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month, September through May. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Garden -- salvias

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these as much of a delicacy as the other salvias and will feed often.

Oddly, this relatively new and unknown plant showed up in several Mississippi garden centers this spring.

They most likely are long gone now but are worth getting when the opportunity arises. Mark your 2003 calendars for next spring, so you won't forget to ask for these jewels.

The ideal site would be morning sun and afternoon shade. Plant on well-drained, raised beds or amend heavy soils with the addition of compost or humus.

Remember that with many plants, it is not the cold that takes them out in the winter, but cold coupled with soggy conditions that seals their doom. Well-drained soil may encourage it to return further north than expected.

While preparing the soil, incorporate 2 pounds of a slow-release, 12-6-6 per 100 square feet of bed space. Space the plants 18 to 24 inches apart, planting at the same depth they are growing in the container. Apply a good layer of mulch after planting.

Water the salvia to get it established and also during long, dry periods. Much of the state has had plenty of rainfall this summer that has been just about perfect for all sorts of plants, provided the drainage was good.

Once the plant has received significant frost damage in the fall, prune to ground level and add a layer of mulch for winter protection.

With the emergence of growth next spring, feed with a light application of the fertilizer and every six to eight weeks through September. Keep the flowers deadheaded, and give the plant a light shearing if needed to maintain bushiness.

If you have, some now, take a few cuttings in the fall to easily overwinter just

in case there is not a spring return. You also can divide with the emergence of spring growth.

The Salvia van houttei really looks best with afternoon shade protection. The deep burgundy wine color is exceptional with the yellow gold from Early Sunrise coreopsis, New Gold lantana, as well as rudbeckias like Indian Summer or

Goldsturm. Try it also with white flowers like ox-eye or Shasta daisies.

The wine sage is usually sold as Salvia van houttei, and it will most likely not look overly impressive when it is small and in container at the garden center.

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Camille -- 33 years

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ature and height of waves, Giardino said.

The technology is already reducing the risks for hurricane hunter planes, Giardino said, by providing information from the most dangerous parts of the storm. Planes are still needed to track storms, but there may be a time in the future when imaging data will provide all the information needed on a storm from space, he said.

After viewing the photographs, visitors viewed video taped images of more areas of the coast, part of a talk given by the director of Harrison County's Project Impact, an origination that helps communities prepare for disaster. Like many people attending the exhibit, Rose had a special remembrance of Camille. Rose lost his father in the storm.

In 1969 Rose was about ten years old, he said, and

the sunny August afternoon before the storm made landfall, his father decided to send he, his brothers and sisters, and his mother to weather the storm with relatives in Laurel. His father remained in Gulfport with friends. He was a contractor and planned to help with the cleanup after the storm had passed the area. He and friends took shelter in a house just a few blocks from the coast.

When his father had not called by about ten o'clock the next morning, Rose's mother sent an older brother back down to the coast to look for him. Later that day, the family received a call telling them that Rose's father had been killed in the storm. The house where the friends had taken shelter was destroyed and behind a debris line, indicating that the area had been under water.

It was that day, Rose said, that he decided to devote his life to improving emergency management, so that some day he would be able to say truthfully that no one had to lose their life in a hurricane.

"The day has come," he said. With the technology and skills we have now there is no reason that anyone should have to lose their life in a storm."

Rose stressed more stringent building codes as a great precaution against future hurricanes.

And better planning when communities are built.

He said that the images recovered by Lee will go a long way in helping officials realize the mistakes that have been made in the past and hopefully help them plan city centers out of the path of possible storm surge areas.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS MS 233 met Tuesday, August 20 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Avenue. Best loser for the week was Beverly with 2 1/2 lbs. The gift and incentive award were won by Wenda.

TOPS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-ins are 5-6 pm with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible was and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter.

Interested persons are invited to call Wenda at 467-1695.

Legion

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Memphis and the four State Veterans Homes in Collins, Jackson, Kosciusko, and Oxford.

Each of the teams will be handling their own fund raisers and they will be selling tickets and making

announcements of the time and place of their events.

They will also have tickets to the ball, which will be in January.

Valena C. Jones UMC Fall Bazaar

Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church will have its third annual Fall Bazaar Sept. 6, 6-10 p.m.; Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sept. 8, 1:30-8 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

There will be food, crafts, silent auction, music, fashion show, games and more.

For information, contact Pat Tice at 467-9543; Gloria Payne, 467-6226; or Connie Lampley at 467-2247.

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Women In Business



Absolutely Blinds & Shutters is a custom window covering store offering a variety of products, including 2" wood and faux wood blinds, interior plantation shutters, verticals, cellular and woven wood shades.

Laura Brown has been in the window covering industry for 15 years. This year, she has reached her personal goal of opening her own business. She is experienced in all phases from sales, measuring, and installing, which is very helpful to her customers. Her personal "hands on" each and every job is very rewarding—be it one window or an entire house full.

Laura has lived in Bay St. Louis for 7 years with her husband, Chris, and two children, Daniel & Kristen. Her hobbies include going to festivals with her family, entertaining friends, karaoke, and motorcycling.

ABSOLUTELY BLINDS & SHUTTERS
10383 HWY 603 • BAY ST. LOUIS
228-469-0073



Ann Rice began her retail career with Gayfers in 1985. She was a key person in developing the ladies designer department and building a substantial client base. She worked with Amy Peeples Wood and Barbara Smith in staging fashion shows for many community functions such as the Gulf Coast Symphony.

She later became a personal shopper for Gayfers and continued in that position until the Dillards acquisition.

This summer she opened her own shop "Ann Rice Style" located in the Antique and Interiors Mall in Pass Christian.

In a chic setting of black, white and yellow, she offers several lines of linen sportswear, unique handbags, shoes, jewelry and accessories for the home.

Her services are also available for wardrobe consulting and personal shopping.

ANN RICE STYLES
100 W. SCENIC DR
PASS CHRISTIAN
228-452-4666



Pam Loiacano Parker is the owner of Anthony's Men's Wear on Main St. in Bay St. Louis. She has been with the business since 1971.

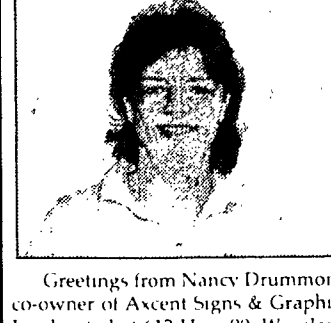
Pam is a native of Bay St. Louis and graduated from Bay High School. She continued her education studying Marketing at Jeff Davis Community College.

Pam prides herself on consistently providing great customer service to her valuable clientele.

Anthony's Men's Wear carries fashionable men's apparel, shoes and accessories. The shop also offers tuxedo rental and sales and provides complimentary gift wrap.

When Pam relaxes, she enjoys painting, exercising, crafting and spending time with her two children Karen and Brian.

ANTHONY'S MEN'S WEAR
501 MAIN ST. • BAY ST. LOUIS
467-7731



Greetings from Nancy Drummond, co-owner of Accent Signs & Graphics, Inc. located at 612 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS. Nancy has been married to her husband Todd for 14 years creating two sons, Donald James and Reece Drummond.

Accent Signs & Graphics is committed to quality long lasting signage and materials for a wide range of applications, ranging from storefront vinyl signs, illuminated cabinet signs, standard and LED channel letters, vehicle graphics, posters, banners and even billboards. We are the only sign & graphic company in Mississippi offering the revolutionary and durable COLOR LOCK vinyl process for vibrant color graphics and prints that resist damage from UV fade, chemicals, abrasion and graffiti. Our large format equipment includes a 52" wide vinyl cutter for reduced seams, a 46" wide, 8-color digital printer for vibrant digital reproductions on a variety of materials and a 52" wide laminator to protect posters, blue prints and other large documents. Make sure you insist on the sign company with these innovative eyes to assure you get the product, service and pricing you deserve.

Accent Signs & Graphics, Inc.
612 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS
(Across from Lil' Ray's)
467-9938



Ruth and Rebecca O'Dwyer, owners of Bay Gourmet invite you to take home a taste of Bay St. Louis. Stop in Bay Gourmet and fill your basket with gourmet goodies, area specialty foods and delicious treats. The shop also carries fantastic kitchen gadgets and specialty accessories.

They offer customers Country Fudge (sugar free too) and a myriad of other delectable treats. They are open Monday - Saturday 10am to 5:30pm and Sunday 12 to 5:30pm.

BAY GOURMET
100 N. Beach Blvd.
BAY ST. LOUIS
466-9255



Since 1983, business and industry on the Gulf Coast has benefited from the considerable experience offered by Bay Motor Winding, Inc. of Long Beach, Mississippi. Bay Motor Winding specializes in the sales and service of electric motors, generators, and pumps. From the small motors needed for home water pumps and pools to the motors used by some of Mississippi's largest manufacturers, Bay Motor Winding has the experience and facilities to serve the needs of today's business and industry.

Mary Kay Benvenuti Hubbard serves as the Administration Manager, secretary of the Corporation and Executive Board. Mary Kay is responsible for tracking, maintaining and reporting the financial position of the company. She is a graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Mary Kay has nineteen years experience in the electric motor industry. In addition to overseeing the day to day operations of the administration department, she is responsible for the inside motor sales, training of the administrative and production department. Her competencies within the corporation have allowed Bay Motor Winding to excel to the highest of corporate standards. Mary Kay's professionalism has proved to be a key to the vitality of the corporation and will lead Bay Motor Winding, Inc. through the new Millennium.

BAY MOTOR WINDING, INC.
125 N. OCEAN WAVE • LONG BEACH
863-0666



After obtaining 20 years of experience in retail and customer service, Teresa Ditmore opened Beautiful Boutique in downtown Gulfport in January of this year.

Teresa is married to Tim Ditmore, owner of Tim Ditmore Masonry. She has two daughters Stephanie 19 and Miranda 14. Both daughters have had a helping hand in the making of this cute little boutique.

At Beautiful Boutique you can shop in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. While shopping enjoy a cup of complimentary tea. They offer a selection of casual to dressy fashions with sizes from small to 3X. The boutique showcases some fine local artisans which display their one of a kind handmade treasures. They feature candles made by Buttercups & Goldfish Candle Factory as well as a wide selection of gifts to give or even to pamper yourself. You can complete your outfit with any one of the many accessories including scarves, handbags, jewelry and more.

Teresa is also an Avon representative. Come by and see the latest products on her stocked shelves or place an order.

Customer service is a must and a pleasure at Beautiful Boutique. They offer custom designed gift baskets, lay-a-way, gift certificates and complimentary gift wrapping. You're sure to find something special at Beautiful Boutique. Hours are 9:00am to 5:30pm.

BEAUTIFUL BOUTIQUE
2425 14TH STREET
GULFPORT, MS 39501
228-863-8776



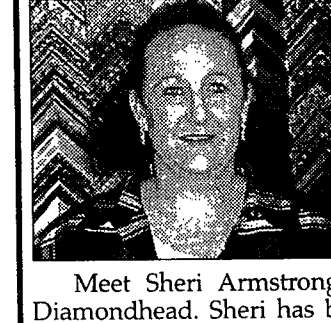
Frances L. Graves has been the owner and operator of The Beauty Depot, a smoke-free salon, for 18 years. Graves attended Slidell Beauty College in Slidell, Louisiana and graduated March of 1968. Graves has been in the cosmetology industry for 34 years. She has been at Dunbar Village since 1989.

Graves is a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and a member of the Administrative Board. She also serves on the Board of Trustees. Graves was the first woman president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the club. Frances is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #139, Past President and Secretary of the Unit.

She serves on the Bay St. Louis Housing Authority Board since 1994, also Hancock County Goodwill Advisory Committee.

When time allows, Graves enjoys arts and crafts, exercising and cooking.

THE BEAUTY DEPOT
309 CENTRAL • BAY ST. LOUIS
467-1828



Meet Sheri Armstrong of Diamondhead. Sheri has been the owner/operator of Behold Custom Framing and Art Gallery for the past 2 years. Behold is located in the Markettown Shopping Center in Bay St. Louis.

Sheri is very happy that her college background of art history and interior design is finally at work after a long career of retail management.

The shop features hundreds of frame & mat selections for all your custom framing needs as well as limited edition prints, original art by local artists, decorator prints and posters.

Behold also has a large selection of pre-framed pieces of artwork and mirrors in stock.

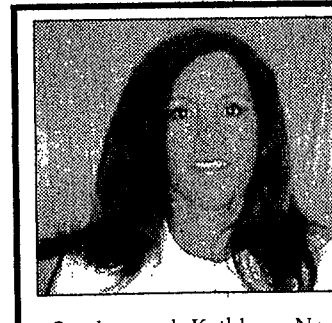
When time allows Sheri enjoys painting, shopping, and spending time with son Aric.

Behold Custom Framing & Gallery
295 Hwy. 90 Suite 22
Bay St. Louis, MS
467-8480



Susan Daigre has owned Bookends Bookstore, located in a charming 1920's bungalow on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis, for fifteen years. Nestled under stately oaks and fronted by a white picket fence, Bookends is a picture-perfect small town bookstore, offering both new and used books. A member of Booksense, a national affiliate of independent bookstore owners, Susan and her knowledgeable staff enjoy sharing their enthusiasm and love of books with their clientele and are committed to outstanding customer service. Susan actively supports literacy in the community, presenting story hour and summer reading activities at the main library in Bay St. Louis, serving on the Library Foundation of Hancock County, and working with teachers all over Hancock and Harrison County to select the best books for their students.

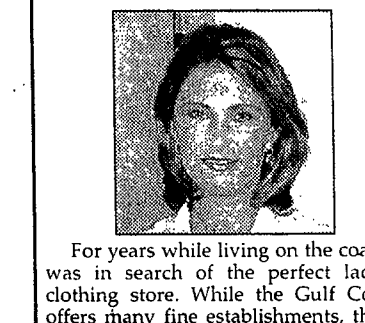
BOOKENDS BOOKSTORE
111 HWY 90 • BAY ST. LOUIS
467-9623



Stanley and Kathleen Necaize, owners of Cannon U-Cart Concrete, offers ready mix concrete in mixing trailers up to 1 1/4 yards at a time. The mixing trailers run on a Honda engine, complete with a hydraulic system for easy mixing and dumping control. The mixing trailers are equipped with surge brakes and also an emergency break away system. Fibercrete is available at Cannon U-Cart Concrete.

Stanley & Kathleen chose this business because it was something they could do together, as well as independently since Stanley also works full time with the Bay St. Louis Fire Department. Stanley's brother Rusty Necaize, also a firefighter with Bay St. Louis, is offering ornamental concrete tables, benches, birdbaths and other outdoor items. When they are not working Stanley and Kathleen enjoy spending time with their family camping or hunting. Cannon U-Cart is open 8am - 5pm everyday except Sunday. Sunday is by appointment. Come by and see us at 4235 Espy Ave, Long Beach or call 452-3505.

CANNON U-CART CONCRETE
4235 EPSY AVE • LONG BEACH
452-3505



For years while living on the coast I was in search of the perfect ladies clothing store. While the Gulf Coast offers many fine establishments, there was always something that was missing in my shopping experience. The mall or the department store atmosphere, although offering convenience and reasonable pricing, lacked uniqueness and personal service. Although there are "unique boutiques" here on the coast, I dreamed of lines that had not been introduced to this area. So therefore, my dream was born a reality and Carriage House Fine Clothing, was born. Carriage House Fine Clothing opened on September 21, 2001, and I was determined to make it an alternative for the entire Gulf Coast Community as well as South Mississippi. Carriage House is located near 1-10/Hwy 49 in Gulfport, Mississippi, offering convenience for the Gulf Coast. Carriage House is the type of boutique that makes all feel at home and offers clothing that is unique yet affordable with personal service. Carriage House offers clothing for the young or the young at heart. We offer clothing for every occasion whether you are preparing for a formal event or a fun party. From school to business, from Sunday afternoon to Saturday evening, we have something for you. Besides spectacular clothing we have beautiful and affordable jewelry, hand bags and footwear. So, if you are looking for a warm welcome, kind attitude, and an elegant setting Carriage House is the place to shop!

CARRIAGE HOUSE
9354 THREE RIVERS RD. SUITE C
GULFPORT
871-5001



Beth and her husband, Hancock County Supervisor, Steve Seymour live in the Kilm community with their 2 children Summer 14 and Hunter 10.

Seymour has consistently been one of the top realtors since joining Coldwell Banker's Waveland Office in 1997. She has been awarded the residential Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for residential sales by the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors. Seymour holds membership in the Gulf Coast, Mississippi and National Association of Realtors.

Beth Seymour previously worked with The Sea Coast Echo and clothing sales. She attended USM, is a member of the United Methodist Church of Diamondhead and is involved with numerous youth and children's organizations in Hancock County as well as Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

BETH SEYMOUR, REALTOR
COLDWELL BANKER ALFONSO REALTY
467-0244



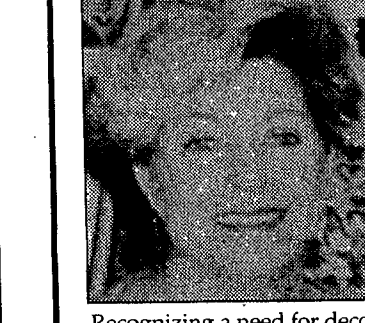
Ann Simmons, director of Chris' Beauty College, has been with Chris' for the past 11 years. During this time, she has made several major improvements in the staff and quality of education offered. Chris' now offers both day and night classes in Cosmetology, Barbering, Manicure and Instructor Training.

Ms. Glenda Jones, Ms. Vicki Gatheright, Mr. DeShawn Riley, Mr. Martin Erwin, Ms. Kathleen Brown, Mr. Ben Shaw, Ms. Cindie Nettles, Mrs. Anna Maria Sukmann, Mrs. Charline Lomax & Mr. Chuck Snell have been added to the existing staff of Ms. Tammy Lee, and Ms. Patsy Dickens, thereby offering excellent and diverse instruction in all programs.

She also implemented the Paul Mitchell and Nexxus Education Programs which offer monthly instruction from a variety of certified educators from across the United States.

The education program offers instruction not only in state-of-the-art Cosmetology, Nail Technician, and Barbering, but includes classes in self-esteem, professionalism, goal setting, motivation phases of attitude and working together as a team in the school and the salon.

CHRIS' BEAUTY COLLEGE
1265 PASS ROAD • GULFPORT



Recognizing a need for decorator fabrics at affordable prices, Peggy Ryland, with her husband, Skip, opened Classy Coverups Inc. of Gulfport in September 1986, with 150 bolts of fabric.

In January, 1990, their daughter, Jennifer Achee joined the Gulfport store as manager. Mary Margaret Willemis is now the store manager. In June, 1990, their son, Mark, joined the business when the Hattiesburg store opened. There is also a third store in Pensacola. Between the three stores, there are now over 3000 bolts of fabric in stock, at prices to fit any budget.

Using over 90 different sources provides access to fabrics from all the large converters, such as Waverly, Robert Allen, Ametex, P. Kaufmann, Richloom, Fabricut, Bloomcraft, John Wolf and Covington, just to name a few.

In addition to fabric, there is a nice selection of trims, fringes, cording, tassels, tapestry squares, pillow forms and "how to" books. We can now custom order furniture.

The store hours are Monday through Friday, 10-6 and Saturday 10-3:30.

CLASSY COVERUPS DECORATOR FABRICS
1204 E. PASS ROAD • GULFPORT
896-9498

Women In Business



Anne McKeough is co-owner along with Dr. Donald J. Booth of Bridging Health Options, LLC, and The CrossOver Bridge. Anne is a Registered Nurse with a Master's Degree in Nursing (Adult Health). She has many years of nursing experience in both the clinical setting and in healthcare management. Dr. Booth is a surgeon with a specialty in bariatric surgery. Together, they offer consulting services for hospitals and surgeons' offices that are considering bariatric surgery as part of their practice and manage an education and support program for people getting ready for weight loss surgery. They are located in Ocean Springs, MS (The CrossOver Bridge).

The CrossOver Bridge was established in October 2001. The CrossOver Bridge is fortunate to work with the most experienced laparoscopic bariatric surgeons in the state of Mississippi. Four surgeries are offered by the surgeons: Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding or LapBand, the Roux En Y Gastric Bypass, and the Duodenal Switch with Gastric Reduction. All four surgeries may be done laparoscopically.

The program provides the community with free consultations that not only educate people about appropriate weight loss surgery, but determines whether or not they meet criteria for weight loss surgery and begins the arduous process of obtaining insurance authorization. The staff at The CrossOver Bridge is friendly, knowledgeable and sensitive to the needs of patients suffering from the disease of morbid obesity.

The CrossOver Bridge™
2429 W. Commerce Street, Suite C
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
800 615-2915



Jan Levy's commitment to good health and exercise prompted her to own Curves for Women in Bay St. Louis. She has embraced Curves business ideals and that is to help women acquire the habit of exercise.

Curves for Women utilizes a unique exercise program called Quickfit. It allows you to perform cardiovascular exercise and strength training at the same time. Quickfit only takes 30 minutes, it's fun, set to upbeat music, is user-friendly, and designed specifically for women. This type of strength training protects lean tissue and raises your metabolism.

Ladies, if you've decided now's the time to get fit come by and meet Jan Levy at Curves for Women. Fast, fun fitness for Women!

CURVES FOR WOMEN
604 BLUE MEADOW ROAD
BAY ST. LOUIS
463-1130



Holly Purvis is the owner/operator of Cutting Edge Full Service Hair Salon. Holly just celebrated her 12th anniversary as a hair dresser and 6th year in her present location on Hwy 90 in Waveland.

Holly is a native of North Mississippi and came to the Coast for a vacation. She fell in love with this area and decided not to leave.

Holly's salon is team oriented. Cutting Edge's success is due to Holly's business philosophy of offering quality services at fair prices. She is so thankful to her loyal customers.

The salon has recently experienced tremendous growth. It now includes traditional day spa services with out the stiffness and price that usually accompanies them. Clients can now enjoy facials, massage therapy, pedicures, manicures, tanning, body waxing and all aspects of hair design. Holly specializes in multidimensional foiling.

Her hobbies include cooking, reading, art and outdoor activities.

THE CUTTING EDGE
547 HWY 90 • WAVELAND
467-1366



Meet Joanie Matuszczak owner of Designing Women LTD Bridal Wear, Lingerie, Tuxedos and Accessories located at 1212 E. Pass Road (across from K-Mart) in Gulfport. Designing Women is your "One Stop Wedding Shop" featuring gowns, tuxedos, and accessories for all occasions. Designing Women offers an exquisite boutique style atmosphere with customer service that is second to none, with all the attention to detail for the most memorable wedding. Designing Women is a member of the National Bridal Service, Better Business Bureau and the Coast Chamber of Commerce. Joanie invites you to stop by and preview the fall bridal collection. Consultations are available by appointment after hours. Store hours are Mon-Sat 10am to 6pm, Sun 12pm to 6pm.

DESIGNING WOMEN
1212 E. PASS RD. • GULFPORT
896-5315
EMAIL: designingwm@aol.com



Amanda Love, along with husband Russell, is the owner of Diamondhead Drugs and Bay Pharmacy. Both stores specialize in providing personal professional prescription service and exquisite gifts and home decor.

In addition to being in charge of accounting services for the stores, Amanda uses her previous wholesale gift sales experience to provide an extensive selection of gifts for all occasions. Collectible items such as: Fenton Art Glass, Willow Tree Angels, Seraphim Angels and doll lines such as Madame Alexander and Lee Middleton are of special interest to the Love's. Keeping up with current home decor trends also helps to provide patrons with new and exciting ideas for decorating. A new addition to the store's home decor area are the beautiful lamps of Lampe Berger!

Amanda is a member of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association and the Diamondhead Baptist Church.

DIAMONDHEAD DRUGS
255-7343
BAY PHARMACY
466-9333



Recently opened Edgewater Furniture in Biloxi's Edgewater Village is a friendly, locally owned and operated business, offering quality home furnishings, bedding and accessories at a good value.

"We offer distinctive furnishings at discount prices, while providing custom decorating services to our customers at no additional charge," says owner Judy Coghlan. "We get new items in the store every week."

After attending Delgado College in New Orleans, Judy began working as a designer at Ethan Allen, where she spent 10 years, and went through the firm's educational and training program. One of her career high points was being asked to design the Golden residence in New Orleans for the PBS TV series "This Old House," along with two collaborators. "It was a wonderful experience working with co-hosts Steve and Norm," Judy recounts.

Husband and co-owner Loren Coghlan has a sales background. He began working part-time through college in the warehouse of Levitz, a leading national furniture company, eventually moving up the ranks into management. "We both have furniture backgrounds," says Loren. "We share a passion for it and love being able to work together."

Edgewater Furniture is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

EDGEWATER FURNITURE
EDGEWATER VILLAGE
SUITE 36 • BILOXI
228-388-5550



Ms. Tanya Fanz, M.A. is the owner of Epiphany Skin Care, LLC. She has worked in the skin care industry for over 14 years. She has an extensive medical background in Dermatology and skin care products and is a licensed medical assistant. Ms. Fanz has also been involved in numerous clinical drug studies with major pharmaceutical companies such as Johnson and Johnson, Schering-Plough.

Epiphany, a realization of the fact that you deserve good looking skin. We offer all lines of dermatologist approved products from Neostrol to Obagi and a full time board certified Dermatologist on staff to assist in all your skin care needs.

At Epiphany Skin Care, LLC you can obtain the latest in Cosmetic treatments for your skin including glycolic peels, Obagi Blue Peels, and the very popular Parisian Peels. Through our Medical division we offer a full line of Collagen injections, soft foam implants, and leg and facial vein treatments. When you have your Epiphany give us a call.

EPIPHANY SKIN CARE, LLC
849 HIGHWAY 90, BAY ST. LOUIS
228-466-0263
2541 PASS RD SUITE E., BILOXI
228-594-9904



Meet Denise Huckabee, manager and Ann Kearney, asst. manager of etc etc, this area's most diverse and interesting gift and clothing store. The shop is brimming with exciting gifts and accessories from exquisite to whimsical.

Etc etc has a terrific clothing department for men and women. They carry wonderful lines such as Tommy Bahama and Tori, Richard for both men and women. The women's department features the latest in fashions from What's Up, Russ Beren, Willow, Blast and Play. Stop in to see the new shipment of Tabasco fashions for men.

Etc etc also offers shoes for men and women and a delightful assortment of accessories.

Let Denise and Ann of etc etc assist you in all your gift giving needs and as always, gift wrapping is complimentary! Stop in today they are open 7 days a week.

etc...etc...
102 N. BEACH BLVD
BAY ST. LOUIS
466-9010



Wanda Gatlin LeBlanc, buyer, store manager and part-owner of Gatlin's in Gulfport, has used her years of retail experience and her educational background from Mississippi University for Women to develop the most unique ladies specialty store on the Coast.

Gatlin's offers a variety of specialty needs...special occasion, sportswear, career clothing, exquisite costume jewelry, shoes, belts, handbags...Now carrying wedding gowns, debutante gowns, and dresses for mothers of the wedding, but most importantly "service" like you've never had before.

Special orders are welcomed and free alterations help those who are not perfect sizes.

Wanda has two children, Ashley, 16 and Brad, 19. Her husband, Brannon LeBlanc, is athletic director at Ocean Springs High School.

Her mom and dad, Anne and Sam Gatlin, are active in the everyday operations of the store. Nancy Bull completes the staff as a full time sales associate.

"Come in and you are sure to have a pleasant shopping experience," LeBlanc says.

GATLIN'S
293 DEBUYS ROAD • GULFPORT
896-1993



As operations manager of Hancock Insurance Agency, Betsy Ashman offers her clients all lines of insurance.

Ashman has been with Hancock Insurance Agency for 26 years and has attended numerous schools and seminars sponsored by the insurance industry.

She is co-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee and a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi on which she serves on the education committee.

"My goal in business is to offer the best service possible to my customers and to be honest and ethical in both my business and personal life," Ashman said.

Ashman's hobbies include gardening and reading and she has three children.

HANCOCK INSURANCE AGENCY
114 MAIN ST. • BAY ST. LOUIS
467-5496



Leigh Hart is a native of Mississippi Gulf Coast and has made her home in Bay St. Louis since 1990. She and her husband, Philip opened Hart's Liquor in February of this year. The store is conveniently located at 10385 Hwy 603. They are open 6 days a week (Mon-Sat) and offer domestic and imported wines, liquors, spirits and mixers.

For your next special event, be sure to ask Leigh about volume discounts and special orders. For their valued customers convenience, Hart's will soon be offering local delivery to area restaurants and lounges.

When Leigh is not at the store, she enjoys spending time with her four children Laryn, Erica and twins Cooper and Brailyn.

Leigh's hobbies include boating, fishing, cooking and shopping. She is a member of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Christ Episcopal Church.

HART'S LIQUOR
10385 HWY 603
BAY ST. LOUIS
463-9775



Dr. Arlette Ladner, a native of Hancock County, has recently joined the staff of Hoda Chiropractic Clinic of Diamondhead. Dr. Ladner graduated from Hancock High School in 1992 and then attended Pearl River Community College. She then continued her education at Life University in Atlanta, GA where she received her chiropractic degree.

Dr. Ladner has been in private practice in Poplarville for four years. Although she continues her practice she has also began treating patients at Hoda Chiropractic Clinic in Diamondhead. Dr. Ladner is President of Poplarville Women's Civic League, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and also a member of the Rotary Club. Dr. Ladner is looking forward to becoming an active member in Hancock County.

Dr. Ladner will be offering her experience in treating difficult and last resort cases at Hoda Chiropractic Clinic. She is committed to providing quality as well as gentle Chiropractic care.

Call today and schedule your free consultation with Dr. Ladner today.

Hoda Chiropractic Clinic
4308 Park Ten Dr.
Diamondhead, MS
(228) 255-5328



Catherine Green-Dotson, opened The Image Company Boutique almost four years ago. The Boutique is a great place for ladies to shop for unique styles in a very pleasant atmosphere. Catherine's objective in her boutique is to provide an extremely pleasant and personal shopping experience for every client who enters the door.

Catherine's role in the shop involves great one-on-one wardrobe conversations with clients and she loves it. She firmly believes that every lady can achieve a stunning look, regardless of her size or figure. She says "Images are very important in many situations. Each client projects her own image, however her image is created through clothing."

The styles carried in the shop are not the wild and trendy type that will be considered out-dated next season. However, they are certainly styles that one lady would pleasantly compliment another on. Sizes range from 4-22 and petite sizes are usually in stock.

Catherine welcomes all ladies who love to look good to stop in for a visit. She never misses the opportunity to thank her loyal clients who are continuously helping to build her clientele.

THE IMAGE COMPANY
627 BLUE MEADOW RD.
BAY ST. LOUIS
467-0606



Imports Galore is a unique store with a huge assortment of iron décor for your home such as credenzas, mirror frames, coffee tables and end tables. Also in stock are rectangular, square, and round tables with chairs, beds, bakers racks, iron wall art, sconces, chandeliers and more. Iron décor for your garden such as plant stands, trellis, topiaries, arbors, gazebos, patio tables with chairs, chaise lounge chairs, and more. We also have a huge selection of large and small pottery for indoors or outdoors, fountains, pewter and chimineas. Imports Galore is owned and operated by Shannon Hopkins.

It is located on Pass Road in Gulfport, next to Bailey Lumber Company. Hours of operation are Monday 10-4, Tuesday through Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-4.

We have great prices and service. Shannon enjoys helping her customers find that perfect item for their home and garden.

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Conchetta Favre is the president of Jerry's Lawn Mower Sales & Service, Inc. located at 406 Seal Ave. in Long Beach. Conchetta and Jerry started this business over 32 years ago and through the support and training of her husband, Conchetta has moved this business from a one man operation on her carport to a million dollar sales and service operation.

Conchetta takes pride in her ability to satisfy her customers and that is why they keep coming back. She hates to turn down any job and never gives up easily to find the parts her customers need. She loves any challenge.

Jerry's services all types of lawn equipment and carries Snapper, Toro, Scag, Johnson, Stihl, Red Max and Echo product lines. The business has earned awards from all the products they sell. Jerry's is also an authorized service and warranty dealer for all the major engines and mower lines available.

Conchetta was born and raised in Long Beach and has been married to Jerry Favre, Sr. for 41 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. They are active members of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Conchetta knows that nothing comes easy. That is why she works her hardest and has made her business such a success.

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Women In Business



Barbara A. Winch, is the owner and operator of this area's largest printing business, Jolly Rogers Printing and Sign Co. Barbara is originally from Tuscaloosa, Alabama but has lived in this area since 1981. She now calls this area her home. Barbara's business fulfills the needs of other businesses in order for them to operate by providing them with all their printing needs. Whether it is letterhead, business cards, invoices, rubber stamps, proposals, Jolly Rogers Printing and Sign Co. can take the job from concept to finished product. Barbara takes pride in offering her customers the very best in service and value. Customer satisfaction is pinnacle to Barbara.

Barbara has earned a degree in graphic arts and uses those skills on a daily basis. Her motto at Jolly Rogers Printing and Sign Co. is "Your business is Our business."

In her spare time Barbara enjoys boating, fishing, traveling and always a good joke.

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Charlotte Whitney is a broker for Lighthouse Realty, LLC. Charlotte has 21 years of sales experience and has been a top selling and listing agent since 1997.

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Charlotte has been a resident of Hancock Co. for 20 years, is married with 2 children and has first hand knowledge of our community, neighborhoods and schools.

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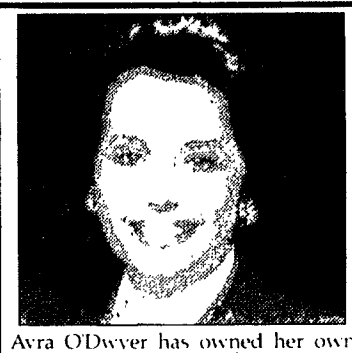
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Avra ODwyer has owned her own real estate business for the past 27 in Louisiana, and now in Mississippi. Her name has been synonymous with excellence in the field of Real Estate since then. She is licensed in Mississippi and Louisiana and is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, The National Association of Realtors, The Mississippi Association of Realtors, and is a Lifetime member of the Top Producers Club.

A note from Avra:
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Parkers, Inc. owner Mimi Parker brings 28 years of jewelry business wisdom to her Gulf Coast store. Her vast experience includes serving as president & co-owner of Parker & Sless, Inc. in New Orleans. Her extensive knowledge of pearls allows her to deliver speeches on pearls & jewelry designs to various clubs, conventions & organizations.

Parkers, Inc. carries on her acute attention to detail & creative abilities. Parker offers her custom designs featuring her fine jewelry signature collection. Parkers, Inc. has a great selection of fine jewelry by Vignoni Lager, The Mazzas, Stephen Dwyer & Zina. Fun jewelry & accessories are available for every occasion at reasonable prices. For the piece of jewelry that does not enhance your wardrobe, Mimi can redesign it to better fit today's styles & needs.

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Charlotte has clientele ranging from small offices to public trading companies and has been in operation for over 10 years with offices in Bay St. Louis, Jackson and Houston. Santa Cruz represents several fortune 500 companies bringing their products and SCIG communications systems to employer benefit programs nationwide.

In addition to her business activities, Santa Cruz remains involved in various community and civic organizations and was the 2001-2002 President of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club. Office is 228-463-0033 or csc125@aol.com.

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Debbie Comeaux's career in the furniture business started in the early 1970's as an Interior Displayer with a company based in Dallas, Texas. She was one of their top sales women in Mississippi for over 10 years. Then in the 1980's, Debbie worked at a furniture store in Piquayune, her home town. With that experience she was able to obtain a position with a major furniture store in New Orleans. For 10 years she handled a 40,000 sq. foot sales floor learning the furniture business front to back.

In August of 1998, she returned home to Mississippi when she and her husband purchased The Sofa Store & More. Debbie prides herself on offering her customers a comfortable atmosphere of helpful and honest people.

When Debbie is not assisting customers, she is constantly working to make the showroom a beautiful place to shop for your home furnishings.

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467-1818



With 14 years experience in banking and finance, along with 14 years experience in the insurance industry, Felecia Craft-Palmer knows how to answer the hard questions and offers her customers a world of knowledge.

As an agent with State Farm Insurance, Craft-Palmer has received training and licensing in the state of Mississippi in life insurance, IRA's, health, fire and auto.

She received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business from William Carey College.

Craft-Palmer said that she wants to strive to be the best person she can be from the inside out, and to touch as many lives as she can with love, hope and healing.

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Jeanne Hines is the owner of The Stitch Niche, a full service needlepoint store in Pass Christian.

Her store is an old-fashioned shop with a homey atmosphere. Hines has been in business over six years now and business is booming.

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Hines has a home in Pass Christian and thoroughly enjoys her six grandchildren. You can now shop us on line at www.needlepointyaya.com

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A few words from Kathy Pinn...

It's been a great two and a half years on Coleman Avenue. We've experienced tremendous acceptance from the community. So much so that we had to move to a much larger building to accommodate all our new inventory. However, most things have stayed pretty much the same as far as furniture inventory. We've increased our lamp selection, new gift items, silver jewelry and whirly-doo inventory trying to meet our customers needs.

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For the past thirteen years, Pattie Jenkins, Jennifer Larson and their staff have made Toucans Mostly Mexican Cafe one of the Coast's favorite restaurants. The menu features traditional mexican dishes as well as their own special creations - all served in a fun festive atmosphere. Nothing can lift your spirits like a frozen margarita from Toucans thatched roof bar, or try an exotic flavored margarita with melon, wild berry or pineapple-coconut. Toucans was recently voted the coast's best ethnic restaurant, but you can also enjoy juicy homemade burgers, grilled mahi mahi and scrumptious po-boys. There is no better way to relax than a trip to the tropics - right here in Gulfport at Toucans Mostly Mexican Cafe.

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Teresa Manning, owner of Trendsetters & Co. has successfully been in the beauty industry for over 30 years. Her talent has awarded her the privilege of studying with the most respected artists in the industry such as Vidal Sassoon, Paul Mitchell, and Princess Diana's hairdresser, Richard Dalton. Teresa recently returned from Las Vegas as an invited guest of John Paul DeJoria and his wife, owners of Paul Mitchell Systems.

Teresa was picked as head of the styling team for the Miss USA Pageant held on the MS. Gulf Coast.

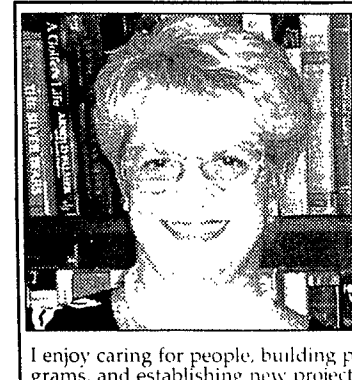
She has also styled the hair of such celebrities as John James of Dynasty and Joan Van Ark of Knots Landing.

Teresa is dedicated to creating the most professional yet relaxing atmosphere for her valued clientele. Her motto: love what you do, who you do it with and who you do it for.

Teresa prides herself on having the most educated team of hair stylists on the Coast. She is intensely committed to her business which is evident in it's success.

Her hobbies include running, gardening and gourmet cooking.

TRENDSETTERS & CO.
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I enjoy caring for people, building programs, and establishing new projects. I have spent years as a physical therapist, rehabilitation director and now as an executive director of an assisted living community. I received my Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University in Physical Therapy and my Master of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University in Allied Health Professions with a major in Health Administration. I have found that education opens the doors to opportunities, experience enhances your skills, and perseverance and failure allows for success. Over the years I have opened and expanded the rehabilitation services for Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas, the Reba McEntire Rehabilitation Center in Denison, Texas, and the Sun Coast Center for Rehabilitation at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport. Now, my knowledge base is being challenged even more as I learn the field of assisted living. Each of these endeavors has taught me patience and the ability to find the answers when I didn't have the answers. True success comes with maturity and time. A successful person has an established reputation for honesty, dedication, fairness, and the concern that his or her contributions will help growth and the quality of life for all concerned. Intrinsic success is a primary accomplishment that is required for personal fulfillment. Monetary or material success is fleeting at best and destructive if used improperly.

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Wayne Whitney
9003 Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Rd.
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BOAT FOR SALE, 19 FT. GALAXY, 4 cylinder, Mercury I/O, runs great needs deck. \$2750. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493.

MARINE GARAGE SALE.
8am-10am. 526-1/2 Main Street

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OUTBOARD MOTOR SALE.
4/28/40/55/60/90/200/TWIN200s/225/TWIN250s/TWIN SEA drives. River Singleton Boat Sales 466-6492.

130 Motorcycles

ATV SALE, LIQUID COOLED, Fully automatic Yamaha Kodiak only \$3,999. Hattiesburg Cycles, 800-807-0114. Buy a Big Bear, Kodiak, or Grizzly from Hattiesburg Cycles and get a 2000 lb. Warn winch free. Call today. Let us save you money.

136 Automobiles

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1989 GMC S15 VIN# 1G1TBS14E9K8513959

1990 Chevy 3500 VIN# 1GCHC34K5L215792

1990 Honda Civic VIN# 2HGED7368LH557355

1984 GMC Sierra VIN# 1GTFE24H9ES526846

1992 Chevy Lumina VIN# 1GNDU06D2NT130570

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JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, has 50 Cars and Trucks under \$6995.00, 99 Saturn, Real Clean, \$6995.00 or \$150 a mo. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, 1-800-98-9133.

138 Trucks, Vans

'00 NISSAN FRONTIER CREW CAB, 4-door, V6, AT, CD, cab extender, alloy wheels & running boards, silver, like new, low miles, \$15,700. Call evenings @ 466-0402.

1975 VW CAMPER VAN. LOOKS Good, Runs great. Great for Crusin the Coast. \$2,600.00 463-1819.

1988 CHEVY 4-DOOR 1 TON STEEL bed with 5th wheel goose neck draw bar. For more info call 255-0493 or 467-4266.

1997/FORD F-150 PICK-UP TRUCK Looks and runs great. New tires. Leather interior. Very sporty. 466-4410

94 CHEVY ASTRO VAN, RUNS Good, A/C needs work. \$3,000.00. 332-1148 or 466-4301.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, has 25, clean SUVs, 99S-10 Blazer, 4D, LS, Pewter, Direct from GM, off lease, 30K miles, \$239.00 a mo., Shop us and compare. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

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146 Rooms For Rent

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147 Apartments For Rent

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LARGE ONE BEDROOM, ONE Bath apartment, air/heat, located 208 Carroll Ave., Apt. "H". BSL. Unit has stove and icebox. One block to beach. \$325.00 per month with \$200.00 deposit. 467-5662 or 467-4613

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WATERFRONT, 1500 SQ.FT. Living room, dining room, 2br/1-1/2ba, lots of closets, all kitchen appliances. No drugs, pet free. \$550/month+deposit 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

2BR/1BA FURNISHED TRAILER. Fenced yard, utilities paid. \$150/dep \$150/week. 467-6880

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

14'X50' w/2BRS, 1BA, County Sewerage, no wells, needs TLC. Lot 70'X100'. Owner Financing Available. \$18,500. Paul Seckso 467-0605

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FOR SALE OR RENT-1998 SOUTH-RIDGE 16ft.x68ft., 2bedrooms, 2baths-House Trailer in Ideal Trailer Park, Ruella St., Bay St. Louis-Owner Financing 228-467-4594 or 228-467-2142.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX UPSTAIRS. Shoreline Park. Pet free. \$350/rent, \$300/deposit. 463-1281.

2BR/1BA PET/FREE. WD/HOOK-UP. Central H/A/C. \$500/month \$500/dep. New paint/carpet Gulfview School District. 466-5082.

3BR. FENCED IN YARD. LOVELY Neighborhood. \$700/month \$400/deposit. References. 466-4848. #15 Chantilly Terrace.

DIAMONDHEAD 2 & 3 BR HOMES. \$475/\$595. Pools. Also Trailers, North Long Beach, \$300. 255-7151.

DUPLEX, HWY 603, UPSTAIRS, 1000 sq.ft. 2br/1ba, waterfront, central ac/heat. \$550/month, \$450/deposit. Also 2br/1ba, waterfront cottage. Central ac/heat, fire place, clean. \$475/month, \$400/deposit. Both pet/free & smoke/free. Sailfish Realty, 466-9947.

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FOR LEASE HOMES, Apartments, Townhouses, new construction Prices from \$450.00 to \$900.00 per month. Call Chari Rapp. Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp 467-3777

FOR RENT 1 BEDROOM ON Water Garden Isles \$350 Call Mary 363-1951

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM 1 BATH nice area. Waveland Ave \$460 Call Mary 363-1951

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NEW 4BR/2BA LIVING ROOM plus great room, on 1 acre. \$850/month 601-749-0014

NEW HOUSE. 3BR/2BA. Hardwood floors, tile baths & kitchen Cent A/H. Custom built, covered parking, petfree. \$750/month \$750 deposit. 1-985-649-4826.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

NEWLY REMODELED 4-BED-ROOM. 1-bath home, carpeted, central air/heat, separate dining area, ceiling fans, fenced yard. Kitchen with stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. 5 minutes from Highway 90 and beach, 1 year lease minimum. Section 8 ready \$650.00 per month, \$400.00 security/cleaning deposit. 675 Washington Street. Call 467-3051.

156 Lots/Acreage

2 LARGE LOTS IN BEACH AREA Surf/Sandy Streets. 23K/18K. (985)863-3020 (Slidell)

2 WATERFRONT LOTS FOR SALE. Call 466-2505.

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DIAMONDHEAD LOTS FOR SALE. 737 Ahi St., 9934 Anahula, Owner Financing available. 255-7728 or 880-4740.

LAND FOR SALE, 5 ACRES, \$10,000 per acre, negotiable. Can be divided. Hill Brooke Lane, Pass Christian. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493. Leave message.

TIMBERIDGE, PASS CHRISTIAN. 2 Lots: Royal Oak Dr., 60x125, \$11,500., obo. Bass Wood Dr., 75x135, \$16,500, obo. Full use of pool, tennis court, boat launch. 452-0276 or 760-0351.

TWO 50X100 LOTS: 20x60 FT. Trailer, \$8,000.00. 467-9854.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

1500 SQ FOOT OFFICE SPACE & 1500 sq foot warehouse. Hwy 90 next to Waveland PD. Deposits and leases required. 467-3935.

1100 SQ FT OFFICE ON HWY 90 B.S.L. \$850/month. 467-5011.

1100 SQ.FT. OFFICE SUITE AVAILABLE for rent in Diamondhead. Perfect for professional. Adjacent to Dental office. 255-6657.

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE FOR Lease, 10460 Hwy 603. Newly renovated and utilities paid!! \$450 per month. 228-463-9212.

159 Houses For Sale

0% DOWN WITH APPROVED Credit. Brand New Homes starting at \$89,500. Coast & County Real Estate. 467-9111.

AVENUE B, FOUR LOTS, Spacious 3BR, 2BA, kit. Also house trailer w/3br, bath & kit. \$120,000. Paul Seckso, Broker. 467-0605.

159 Houses For Sale

113 BROAD STREET 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, central air/heat 2 large sheds \$59.00 Owner finance 10% down equals \$499 month 228-493-4218

2BR/2BA HOME ON 1 ACRE LOT Diamondhead New roof, kitchen and ceramic tile Brick fireplace and cathedral ceiling \$68,500 463-9912 or 466-3959

3BR/2BA FOR SALE \$14,500 OBO KILN. MS 504-391-1351 or 504-650-5555

3BR/2BA, UPDATED 4-YEARS ago Sunroom w/jacuzzi, ceramic tile, berber flooring Large back yard w/pri-vacy fence. Behind Elem School \$119,500/obo 466-5890

CAJUN COTTAGE LOCATED IN Pass Christian Isles, 419 Livingston St. Totally renovated, 1 bedroom, 1 bath on large lot Separate garage with bath. Could be studio \$88,000 Appt. 467-5444

BRICK HOUSE, PICAYUNE, 3 bedrooms Large lot, \$68,000. Owner can help with down payment 504-392-4126 or 228-533-7979

BY OWNER CONVENIENTLY Located in the heart of BSL 3br/1-1/2ba, 1444 sq. ft. Totally renovated on large private ground, pool and pool house Priced right. \$89,900. 467-5975 day, 463-0334 evenings/weekends.

DIAMONDHEAD 3BR-2BA HOUSE By Owner. Metal roof, sunroom, 2-car garage. Also adjacent lot. 255-5355

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE? BAD Credit? We Can Help. Coast & County Real Estate. 467-9111.

NEW 3BR/2BA, 1700 sq ft. Jordan River Shores. Builder finance with 6% down and no closing. 228-255-0955.

NEW 4BR/2BA, LIVING ROOM plus great room, on 1 acre. \$92,000. 601-749-0014

NEWLY BUILT 3BR/2BA Cathedral ceilings, fire place. Excellent location. w/Home-Warranty Gold Coast. 228-467-4907. 228-467-4479

NO CREDIT CHECK 3br/2ba, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, brick, \$88,000. \$3,000/down. \$835/Monthly Total. Corner Margie & Ryan, Waveland. Gold Coast Realty 467-4479

OWNER FINANCE 2BR/1BA \$35,000. \$2,000/down. \$400/month Includes tax/ins. Or 1st \$27,000 cash takes. 4174 Art. off 603. Call Gold Coast 467-4479.

OWNER FINANCE 3BR/1BA \$60,000. \$2,000/down. \$550/month Includes tax/ins. Or 1st \$50,000 cash takes. 701. Nicholson. Call Gold Coast 467-4479.

TRIPLEX, OWNER FINANCE. 10% down/7.75% Equals \$1080.89 mortgage. Rent income is \$1425.00. Includes appliances. 321. ABC Easternbrook, \$159,000. 467-2545, 504-669-9552.

WATERFRONT! JORDAN RIVER Shores. Completely renovated. 2BR/2BA. Located on intersecting deep water. Bulkheaded. Community water, sewerage, pool, & tennis court. \$125,000 firm. 228-332-5431 or 228-467-5984.

WAVELAND BRICK, 2/3BRS, 1BA, LR/DR Kit, Sunroom, Garage w/Bath, Kit, Laundry, Wk/Shop, Fenced yard, \$98,500. Paul Seckso, Broker. 467-0605.

WAVELAND, 2/BR, HOUSE, w/apartment. Bayou in back. 5 min. from beach. www.forsalebyowner.com Listing #10080332. Only \$97,000. Call 228-467-1166 for appointment

161 Condo Rental/Sale

CONDO FOR SALE across from beach, Waveland. 2BR/2BA all appliances. New paint and carpet. Indoor swimming pool. Private covered parking. Town fishing pier. Walking/bike trail along beach. \$85,500. 228-467-1256.

Public Notices

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ERIC MORAN PLAINTIFF
VS
DONALD JOHNSTON DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION

By virtue of an execution to me directed by the Clerk of the Justice Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, the undersigned will on the 16th day of September 2002 at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m. within legal hours of sale, offer for sale and will sell by auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property located in Hancock County, Mississippi to wit:
One (1) 1970 Maroon Maple Home 12 x 65 foot
Bearing serial number 0151

and
One (1) 1989 Chevrolet Corsica Gold in color
Bearing tag number RB8958 (Hancock)

The above property was levied upon as the property of the Defendant and will be sold to satisfy the said judgment and costs. The title to same is believed to be good but the undersigned will convey only such title as is vested by these proceedings.

Witness my signature this 16th day of August 2002

(PROPERTY CAN BE SEEN AT 9038 & 9189 HENRY SHUBERT ROAD)

HARRY S. GARBER
SHERIFF OF HANCOCK COUNTY

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

GERARD JOSEPH ESLER PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
KATHY ANN FLEMING ESLER, IF LIVING, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS, ANY AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY

CAUSE NO. 2002-586

SUMMONS PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TO KATHY ANN FLEMING ESLER, whose last known address is unknown but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead the unknown heirs at law of Kathy Ann Fleming Esler, whose post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry

ANY AND ALL other unknown persons, firms or corporations having or claiming to have any right title, legal or equitable interest in the following described property
Lots 66 and 67, Square 616, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Addition No. 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

YOU have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court alleging legal ownership of the above described property by adverse possession and to quiet and confirm title

YOU are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to JOSEPH KELLY, attorney for the Plaintiff, whose post office box and street address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT

YOU must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after that date

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court this 5th day of August, 2002

(SEAL) TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK

HANCOCK COUNTY, MS P O BOX 550

BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520

BY Janet McArthur Deputy Clerk

Joseph Kelly (MBN 9975)

AT RENEY AT LAW

827 Highway 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Telephone (228) 467-3422

Facsimile (228) 467-3423

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hwy 90 Mini Storage will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of Ruth Gordon, Unit #10, and whose last known address was P O Box 968, Charleston, MS 39521. The sale shall take place at 121 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS on August 31, 2002 at 10am
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Public Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF DELPHINE MARION TACONI
CAUSE NO. 2002-378

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 31 day of July 2002 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of Delphine Marion Taconi, deceased notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This 31st day of July A.D. 2002
JUDITH ANN TACONI BOURGEOIS, ADMINISTRATRIX

Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-6574
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2001 Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright executed a promissory note payable to the order of Novastar Mortgage Inc. and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid promissory note was secured by a Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2001, executed by Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright and being recorded in Book 666, at Page 680 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and which aforesaid instrument conveys to Stephen Colson, Trustee, the hereinafter described property, and

WHEREAS, Novastar Mortgage, Inc. having executed a Substitution of Trustee to substitute Floyd Healy as trustee and the place and stead of Stephen Colson, the same having been recorded on the 22nd day of July, 2002, in Book 703, at Page 616 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, default having occurred under the terms and conditions of said promissory note and Deed of Trust and the holder having declared the entire balance due and payable, and

WHEREAS, Floyd Healy, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on the 27th day of August, 2002, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse the following described property located and situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto

More commonly known as

6826 Aponte Street

Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525

Subject to the rights of way an easement for public roads and public utilities, and to any prior conveyance or reservation of mineral of every kind and character, including but not limited to oil, gas, sand and gravel in or under subject property.

As the undersigned Substituted Trustee, I will convey only such title as is vested in me under said Deed of Trust.

This 26th day of July, 2002

Floyd Healy
as Substituted Trustee

Prepared by

Floyd Healy

8 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 103

Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

EXHIBIT "A"

Lot 99, Block 9, Unit 5 Diamondhead Phase 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4, Page 38-40 (Slide 292-294) thereof.

According to the records, title is vested Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright by virtue of Warranty Deed, from Britta Homes, Inc., a Louisiana Corporation, dated November 30, 2001, filed December 5, 2001, at 3:07 p.m., and recorded in Book 55237, Page 99

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Community services offered in Hancock County

Adult Literary Education

The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for ap-pointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is

available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland

Overeaters HOW Group

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tues-day, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Pro-gram sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA

(Court-Appointed Special Advocate)

The Hancock County CASA program needs volunteers who will become advocates for abused and neglected children in Youth Court. Volunteers are trained in child abuse issues, family dynamics, communication, advocacy and case management.

After training they are assigned to a child who needs a CASA volunteer to advocate on his or her behalf during court proceedings. Interested persons must be 21 years or older, possess a valid driver's license and proof of current insurance. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945 or 463-0000.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child

Abuse is looking for volunteers and teen mentors.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse or help a child, call 868-8686.

Also, free parenting classes will be offered at the center, 327 Shieldsboro Square, Bay St. Louis, for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, household management and child development.

Call 463-0000 for details or reservations.

Hancock County

Humane Society

Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tues-day of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Metho-dist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis. Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework

Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven

Children's Shelter

Hope Haven is a non-profit residential shelter for abused and neglected

children and provides a safe, loving refuge to children from birth through 15.

The shelter welcomes public support through donations of money, goods or services. Volunteers are needed.

Open board meetings are conducted at Mississippi Power Co., Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A United Way agency. 228-467-7945; e-mail www.hopehavenshelter.org.

Lupus Foundation

A Lupus Foundation of Mississippi education/support group meets 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the executive dining room at Gulf Coast Medical Center, 180 DeBuys Road, Biloxi. For information, call Shelia Pletcher at 436-9484 or 1-800-866-9606 for a free lupus information packet.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Parenting classes are offered in Hancock County at the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, 327 Shieldsboro Square in Bay St. Louis.

Classes are conducted for nine weeks on Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. covering self-esteem, communication skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Laurie Johnson at 463-0000 for class dates and registration.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis. For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

Seizure Disorder

Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer I at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. Call 865-3421 for details.

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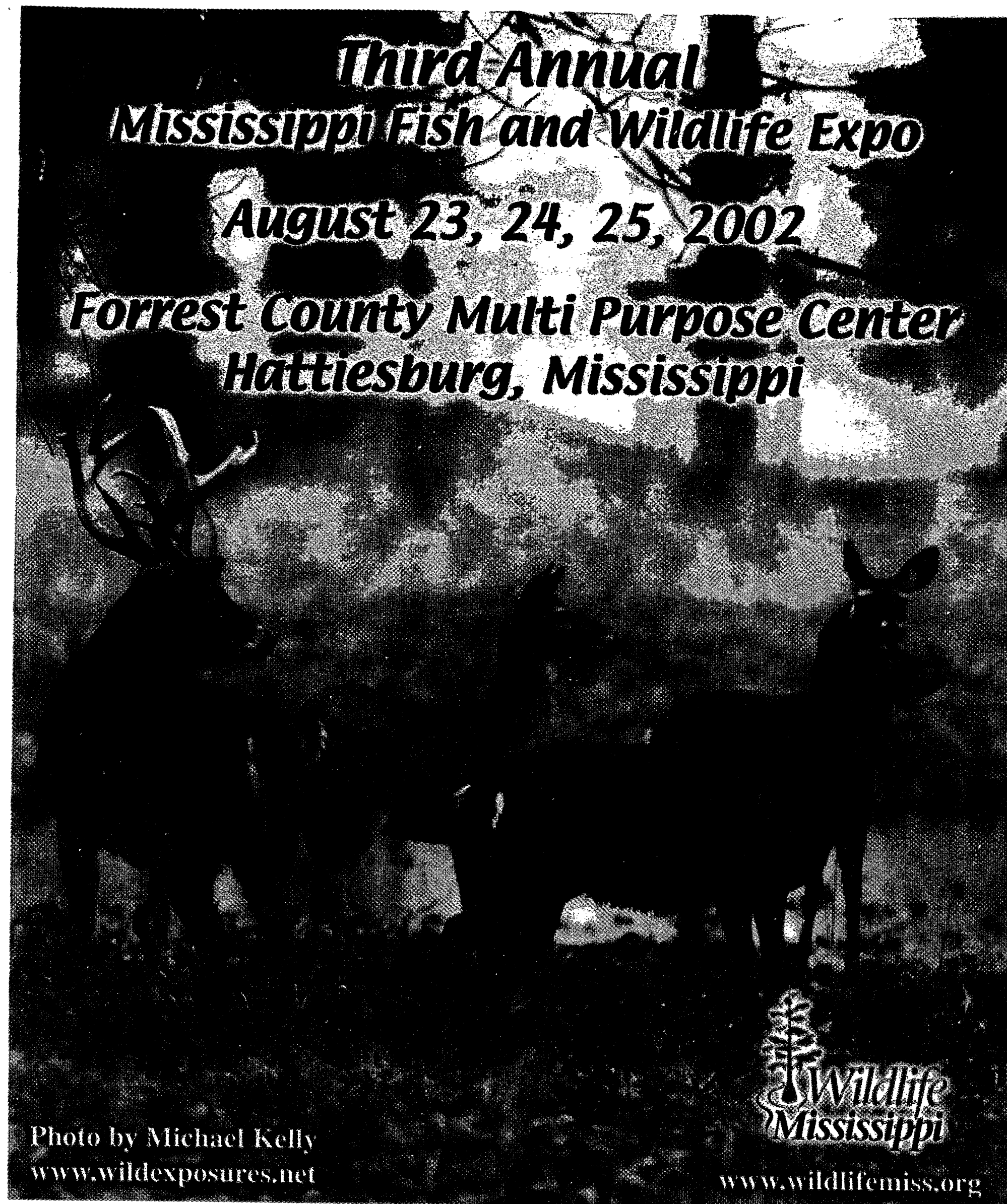


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EXPO HAS A NEW LOOK



Leila Wynn, President
Wildlife Mississippi

The third annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo will be held on August 23-25 at the Forrest County Multi Purpose Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For three days hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts can get the latest information and equipment on their favorite outdoor activity. Emphasis will be on hunting, fishing, camping and

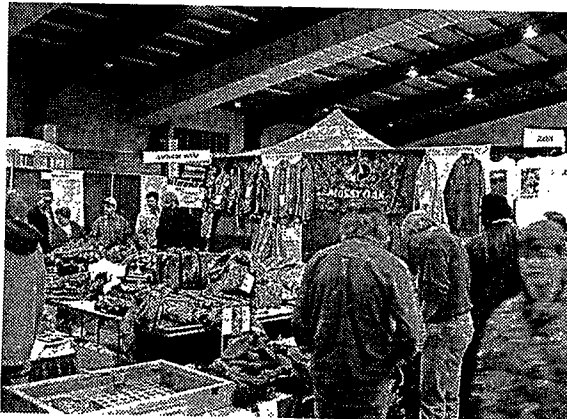
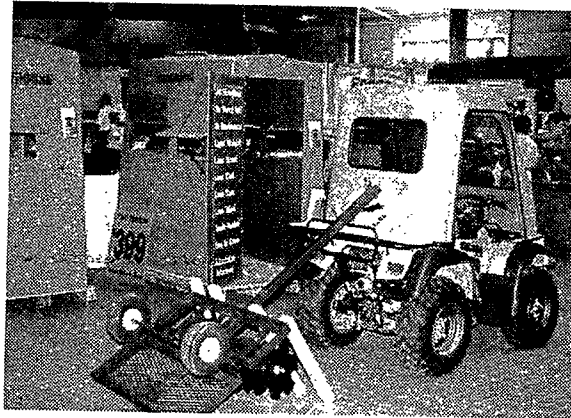
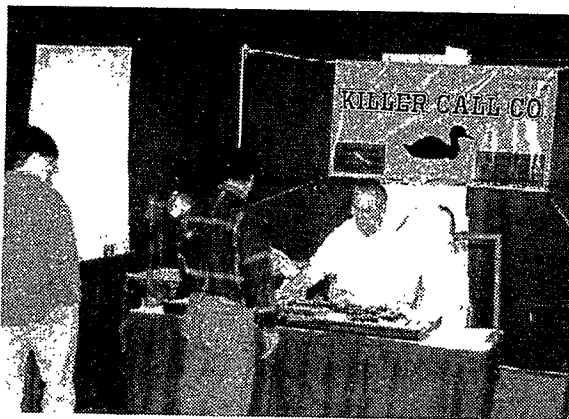
other outdoor activities.

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Association, Mississippi Woods and Waters Magazine, Service Printers, WDAM TV and WJKX Radio.

Leila C. Wynn, President of Wildlife Mississippi, stated "We are expecting a crowd of more than 14,000 people to attend for the wide array of outdoor equipment, supplies and services, all at the right prices. Kids can have a great time and the whole family can learn about conservation through the many exhibits. It's a real bargain. Proceeds from the Expo will go to conservation projects throughout Mississippi."

The Expo will feature approximately 100 exhibitors selling hunting gear, fishing equipment, RVs, deer stands, game calls, wildlife photography and kid's stuff, to name a few.



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A VARIETY OF EXHIBITORS

According to Wynn, the Expo will definitely be bigger and better than the 2001 Expo. "It will have a totally new look. Anyone who loves fishing, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing or just being outdoors will find something of interest at the Expo," continues Wynn.

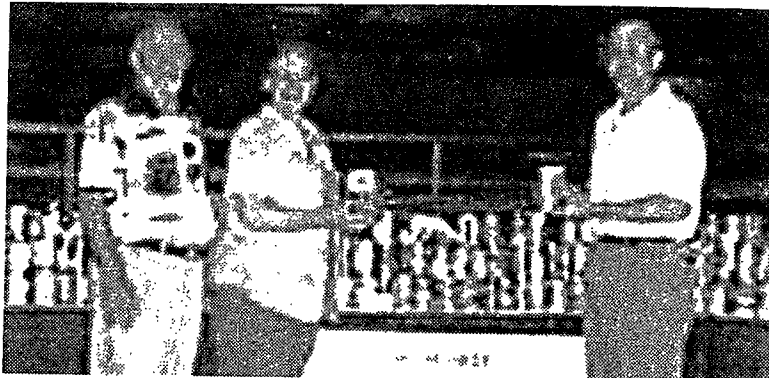
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Steve Azar, Charter Member
Wildlife Mississippi

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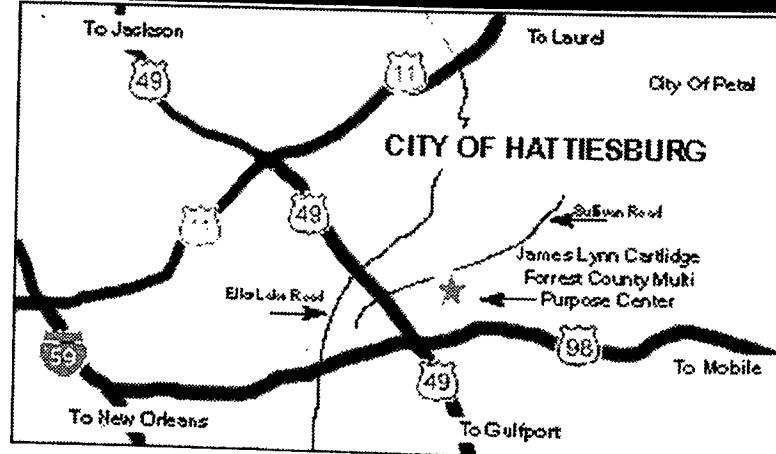
selling hunting gear, tree stands, game calls, boats, fishing supplies, wildlife art and books, outdoor apparel, ladies gifts, game calls, guided trips, kids exhibits and much more. Government conservation agencies will be on hand to answer your most difficult questions about conservation.

According to Steve Azar, a charter member of the Foundation, and a country music singer and songwriter with Mercury Records in Nashville, "I encourage everyone to attend the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo. It will be a fun-filled event as well as raise needed funds for fish and wildlife conservation throughout Mississippi."



Anyone bringing a can good to the Expo for Wildlife Mississippi's "Hunt Against Hunger" program can receive \$1.00 off of the admission price (limit one per attendee). All can goods will be donated to needy families. Last year, the attendees of the Expo donated over 750 can goods to help those in need.

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The map shows a large, irregularly shaped building layout for the Multi-Purpose Center. The layout is divided into several sections. At the top left, there are 'STORAGE' areas and restrooms for 'MEN' and 'WOMEN'. The main body of the building is filled with numbered booths, ranging from 1 to 175. The booths are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some sections labeled 'SEATING'. The bottom of the map shows a 'BOOTH SIZE 10'w x 10'd' and the website 'www.wildlifemiss.org'.

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"Hawg Trough" To Make Special Appearance

Wildlife Mississippi is pleased to bring the popular "Hawg Trough" to the Expo. It is a 50-foot long, 5,000 gallon portable fish tank. It will be stocked with some unusual fish species native to Mississippi. More than just an aquarium of huge fish, it is a live classroom for anglers. One of its primary goals is to educate and entertain the angler and aquatic enthusiast.

More than just an aquarium of huge fish like those in zoos, the Hawg Trough is a live classroom for anglers. "One of its primary goals is to educate and entertain the angler," stated Chip McArthur, one of the Foundation's Trustees.

Spectators will get a "fish eye view" of how fish act around different types of structure. McArthur says



that kids come to stare at the lunker bass in the tank while adults come to be amazed by the different species of the area.

The aquarium is stocked with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, flathead

catfish and blue catfish. The water in the trough is tap water that has been treated to simulate area lake conditions. The water temperature is usually 60-65 degrees. There are artificial "logs" and other structure that show how fish congregate under water.

Falconry To Be Demonstrated

At the Expo, Michael Musgrave, a member of the Mississippi Falconers Association (MFA) will demonstrate falconry. The purpose of this group is to bring together all licensed falconers of the State to discuss the sport of falconry and to collectively represent the state on federal regulations concerning falconry.

Michael stresses the importance of birds of prey and encourages the reporting of any shooting of these birds, which is both a state and

federal crime. He also stresses that these birds are not their "pets", they are their hunting partners. Even though there is a strong devotion to the birds, they are free to go anytime they enter the field to hunt.

Michael will be presenting demonstrations about falconry during the Expo. If you have any questions about falconry, ask him at his seminars or stop by his booth at the Expo. Michael would be happy to "talk hawks" with you.

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Developing Year-Round Food Plots

Randy Browning, a wildlife biologist with Wildlife Mississippi who has spent much of his life conducting research on "Censusing Whitetail Deer With Infrared Trigger Cameras," will be at the Expo discussing food plot management.

"Randy Browning has just the right balance of technical expertise, experience in working with private landowners and a strong desire to help them meet their land management objectives," stated James L. Cummins, Executive Director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Browning, an official Boone and Crockett Scorer, Magnolia Records Scorer and Longhunters Scorer, is credited with developing some of the South's top food plot mixtures. He will share his experiences and techniques for supplementing forage for deer and turkey.

According to Browning, "I'm excited about this opportunity to spend quality time assisting Mississippi landowners to enhance,

restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on their property."

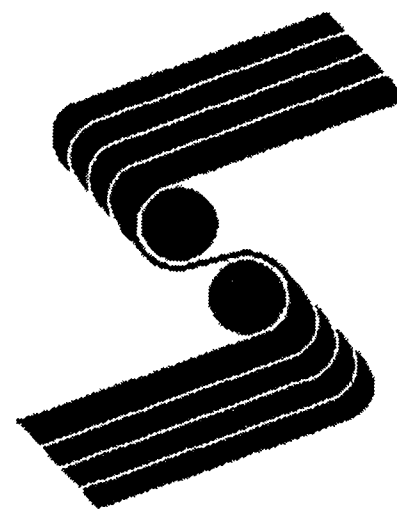
Browning, with wife Rachel and children, Miranda, Colt, Ryan and Jessica reside in Purvis, Mississippi.



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April 15 doesn't have to be painful again next year. Instead, it can be a day you celebrate both your tax savings and the satisfaction of permanently conserving important fish and wildlife habitat. The Mississippi Land Trust, a non-profit organization that is independent of government and works hand-in-hand with landowners who choose to conserve their lands, offers a variety of ways that you can permanently protect your land and perhaps shave your tax bill. The most popular way is to donate a

conservation easement, which permanently limits the type and scope of development. The Mississippi Land Trust has been very successful at land protection. By the end of 2001, at only 2-years old, it had already permanently protected more than 12,000 acres and saved landowners millions of dollars. For more information about conservation easements and the Mississippi Land Trust, write: Mississippi Land Trust, P.O. Box 23, Stoneville, MS 38776 or visit their web site at www.misslandtrust.org.



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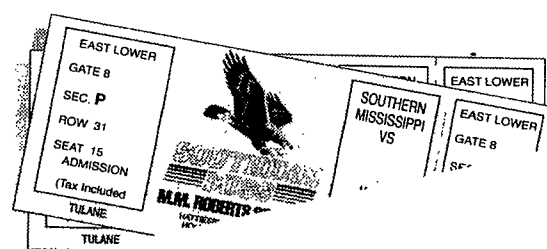
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PROGRESS REPORT

Wildlife Mississippi A Progress Report

The Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or Wildlife Mississippi as it is commonly called, was founded to conserve, restore and enhance Mississippi's fish, wildlife and plant resources for the enjoyment and enrichment of all Mississippians and its visitors, and especially its children and grandchildren. Below are the program areas of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the progress that has been made to date.

I. Conservation Education

- * Publishing a quarterly magazine titled "Wildlife Mississippi."
- * Hosting two annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expos.
- * Publishing a weekly column titled "Conservation Corner" in more than 70 newspapers.
- * Providing technical assistance on conservation to landowners and communities.
- * Worked with Congressman Chip Pickering and the Congressional Sportsman's Foundation to conduct a workshop on conservation programs in the Farm Bill.
- * Sponsored two workshops at Tara Wildlife and one in cooperation with Mississippi State University on conservation easements.



Wildlife Mississippi's annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expos create the opportunity to provide technical assistance on conservation to landowners and communities. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

- * Worked with Congressman Bennie Thompson and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct a workshop on conservation programs for limited resource farmers.
- * Preparing a handbook titled "Fish and Wildlife Management: A Handbook For Private Landowners."
- * Preparing a handbook titled "Conservation Easements: A Handbook For Private Landowners" in cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust.
- * Published 15 electronic brochures on financial assistance conservation programs titled: Carbon Sequestration, Conservation Easements, Conservation Program Places Emphasis On

Longleaf Pine, Conservation Reserve Program, Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Estate Tax Exemptions Utilizing Conservation Easements, Flood Risk Reduction Program, Floodplain Easements Program, Forestry Incentives Program, Partners For Fish And Wildlife Program, Reforestation Tax Credit, Wetland Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

* Published 11 electronic brochures on general information on conservation titled: Food Plots In Mississippi; Supplementing The Nutritional Needs Of Wildlife; Living With The Black Bear; Managing Mississippi's Farm Ponds; January Is The Time To Clean Out Wood Duck Boxes; Managing Beaver Ponds For Waterfowl; Protecting Scenic Rivers In Mississippi; Planting Gourds; Largemouth Bass Virus; Fertilizing Forages Can Help Deer; Managing For Northern Bobwhite Quail and Cogongrass.

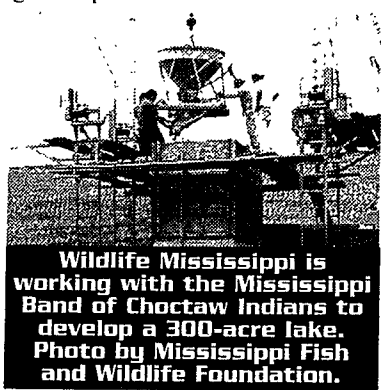
* Conducted 14 presentations on cogongrass to Resource Conservation and Development Districts, county forestry associations, High School biology classes, Mississippi State University, the Longleaf Pine Field Day, the Lower Yazoo Basin Partnership, Central Gulf Ecosystem Team, Camp Shelby, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission and Agriculture/Forestry Field Days.

II. Fisheries Management and Water Quality

- * Worked with the Dalrymple Family Foundation to renovate McAlpine's Lake, a community lake in Amory.
- * Working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to develop a 300 acre lake.
- * Executive Director Chairing the Funding Committee for the

Mississippi's Scenic Rivers and Streams Program

- * Working with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to improve boating access.
- * Promoted the use of grass filter strips to improve water quality.
- * Promoted boating safety.
- * Working with landowners to restore, enhance and manage farm ponds and abandoned gravel pits.



Wildlife Mississippi is working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to develop a 300-acre lake. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

* In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established three perpetual conservation easements on 1,193 acres and 400 acres on the Mississippi River (2000), 2,114 acres on the Big Black River (2001) and 250 acres on the Coldwater River (2002).*

III. Migratory Bird and Wetland Habitat

* Through the Mississippi Partners Project, provided 51 water control structures to 11 landowners to restore 1,020 acres of wetlands (1999), provided 70 water control structures to 17 landowners to restore 1,439 acres of wetlands (2000), provided 67 water control structures to 16 landowners to restore 1,384 acres of wetlands (2001) and provided 43 water control structures to 7 landowners to restore 1,013 acres of wetlands (2002 to date).

* In partnership with Vaiden Timber Company, provided 291 wood duck boxes and 284 song bird boxes to the

In partnership with Anderson-Tully Company, Wildlife Mississippi has provided nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board and landowners to provide nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds (2000). In partnership with Anderson-Tully Company, provided 280 wood duck boxes and 429 song bird boxes to the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board, landowners and 19 wildlife management areas, state parks, state lakes and

national forests to provide nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds (2001). In partnership with Anderson-Tully Company, provided 200 wood duck boxes to the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board to provide nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds (2002).

* In cooperation with Wildlife Services, provided 6 Clemson Beaver Pond Levelers to 5 landowners to restore 114 acres of wetlands.

* In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 767 acres of wetlands (1999) and 317 acres of wetlands (2000) for a diversity of wildlife.

* Providing technical assistance on migratory bird and wetland habitat to landowners.

* Sponsored a celebration marking 100,000 acres of wetlands restored in Mississippi.

* Worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of the Governor to obtain an additional 320 acres for St Catherine's Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

* Worked with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Office of the Governor to obtain 773 acres for Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area.

* In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established a perpetual conservation easement on 189 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2000), 520 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2001), 2,750 acres of bottomland hardwoods and wetlands (2001) and 85 acres of Tupelo gum swamp (2001).

* Executive Director Chairing the Board for the North American Waterfowl Federation.

* Restored a 250 acre parcel of land along the Pearl River for a private mitigation bank.

IV. Outdoor Recreation and Parks

* In cooperation with The Buckhouse, provided 16 physically challenged shooting houses on 5 National Wildlife Refuges, 1 Corp of Engineers Area and 10 Wildlife Management Areas.

* Working to continue allowing the top-sowing of wheat for dove hunting.

* Donated over 3,000 can goods to needy families as part of the Foundation's "Hunt Against Hunger" program.

* Hosted the First Annual Mississippi Bowhunter Challenge at the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo on August 24 - 26, 2001, in Hattiesburg.

* Developed an electronic checklist of Mississippi birds

for birdwatching.
* Provided 55 decoy deer to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to help curtail the poaching of deer.



* Promoting increased attendance at state parks in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife.
In cooperation with The Buckhouse, Wildlife Mississippi has provided 12 physically challenged shooting houses on public lands throughout Mississippi. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Fisheries and Parks through a free truck give away (2000, 2001 and 2002).

V. Rare and Declining Species

* Worked with a coalition of conservation groups to reauthorize the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program to cost-share with landowners to provide habitat for rare and declining species in the 2002 Farm Bill.

* Developing a program to improve populations for rare and declining species while respecting property rights.

* In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 2,217 acres of bottomland hardwoods (1999), 2,698 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2000), 2,060 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2001), 1,913 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2002) that will provide habitat for rare and declining species, such as the Louisiana Black Bear.

* Provided four solar-powered electric fencing units to USDA Wildlife Services to solve potential conflicts with black bear and bee hive owners.



Wildlife Mississippi has partnered with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to restore thousands of acres of wetlands. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

* Promoting the restoration of black bear.

* Assisted in the prescribed burning of 50 acres of longleaf pine.

* In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, restored 25 acres of longleaf pine (2002) and 8 acres of upland hardwoods (2002).

* In partnership with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, controlled 100 acres of cogongrass in 2001 and 125 acres of cogongrass in 2002.

VI. Wildlife Habitat

* In partnership with Fratesi Nursery, planted approximately 14,000 tree seedlings on 46 acres with 27 landowners.

* In partnership with Environmental Synergy and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, worked to reforest bottomland hardwoods on 490 acres on 2 Wildlife Management Areas as a carbon sequestration project.

* In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, restored 500 acres of bottomland hardwoods with 1 landowner.

* In partnership with Delta View Nursery and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife.

Wildlife Mississippi has developed a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program for public and private lands in the State. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Fisheries and Parks, planting over 200,000 tree seedlings on 3 Wildlife Management Areas. Planted seedlings on 3 state parks; planting seedlings around 3 state lakes.

* Developed a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program for public and private lands. In 1999, provided low-cost seed to landowners to plant 9,351 acres of food plots. In 2000, provided low-cost seed to landowners to plant 13,767 acres of food plots and donated seed to one National Wildlife Refuge to plant 100 acres of food plots. In 2001, provided low-cost seed to landowners to plant 17,101 acres of food plots and donated seed to 7 Wildlife Management Areas to plant 346 acres of food plots.

* In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 2,217 acres of bottomland hardwoods (1999), 2,698 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2000), 2,060 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2001) and 1,913 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2002) for a diversity of wildlife.

* Established a conservation easement on 175 acres called the Wrenwoode Natural Area in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Church.

* In partnership with the Southeast Bobwhite Quail Study Group and the Wildlife Habitat Management Institute, developing the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative.

* Providing technical assistance to landowners to improve wildlife habitat.

* In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established a perpetual conservation easement on 1,320 acres of bottomland hardwoods along Coles Creek (2001).

VII. Conservation Policy

* Worked with The White House, Senator Thad Cochran and Congressman Chip Pickering to fund an additional 250,000 acres of wetland restoration per year through the Wetland Reserve Program as part of the 2002 Farm Bill.

* Worked with The White House and Senator Thad Cochran to fund an additional \$700 million for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program as part of the 2002 Farm Bill.

* Worked with Congressmen Chip Pickering, Ronnie Shows, Bennie Thompson and Roger Wicker, as well as Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, The Nature Conservancy and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, to develop a Grasslands Reserve Program as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. Mississippi has two prairies (grasslands); one is in Northeast Mississippi (the Black Prairie) and one is in South Central Mississippi (the Jackson Prairie). The program will compensate landowners for restoring native grasses.

* Worked with Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott to fund an additional 100,000 acres of wetland restoration through the Wetland Reserve Program in 2001.

* Working with Congressman Chip Pickering to develop a federal income tax credit program to enhance and restore

upland, wetland, threatened and endangered species and fisheries habitat through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

* Working to develop a "Debt For Conservation Program" with Senator Thad Cochran.

Wildlife Mississippi is working to reauthorize important conservation programs, such as the Conservation Reserve Program, in the 2002 Farm Bill. Photo by Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

* Chairing the Wildlife

Subcommittee of the State Technical Committee of the Natural Resource Conservation Service which develops state-wide rules for the: Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetland Reserve Program, the Grasslands Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

For a county-by-county progress report, go to www.wildlifemiss.org



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Vandeventer To Show, Discuss Snakes

Due to popular demand, Terry Vandeventer, a professional herpetologist, will be back at the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo each day with his live reptiles and snakes. His demonstration and lecture was a big hit with everyone the past two years, even with those that don't like snakes. Vandeventer has hunted and studied reptiles throughout the United States, as well as the world. His live snake and reptile demonstrations are

seen by over 75,000 people each year across the United States and several countries. He annually guides natural history expeditions in the Amazon rain forest of Peru. He will be showing snakes native to Mississippi, including poisonous ones. He will discuss their life histories, habits and their effects on people, good and bad. If you missed it last year, here's your chance!



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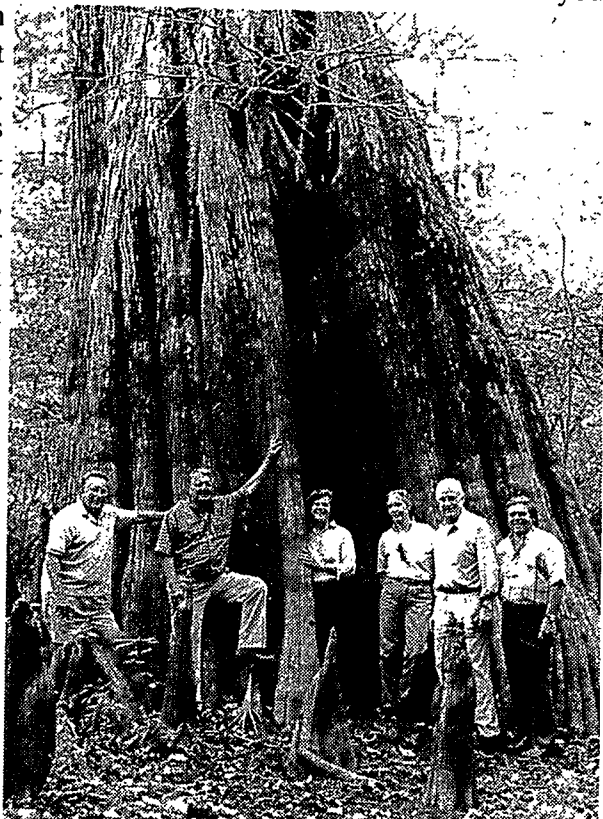
Members Needed To Further Conservation

The membership of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, of Wildlife Mississippi as it is commonly called, has made a strong commitment toward the future of fish and wildlife conservation throughout Mississippi. While this is an important first step, your involvement and input does not end there.

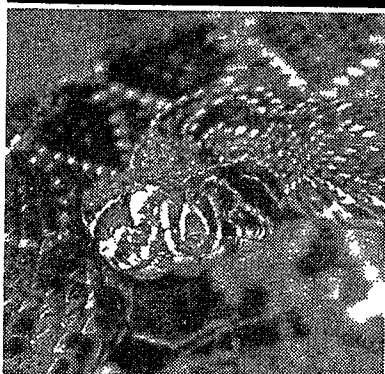
According to Leila Wynn, President of Wildlife Mississippi, "With additional members, the Foundation will enhance programs that will develop more habitat for wildlife, construct more structures for fish and improve access to those resources we all enjoy."

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The North American Rattlesnake Exhibit At Expo



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Of the 22 different species that are shown, there are some favorites, among viewing public: the Mojave rattlesnake (one of the deadliest in North America), the Eastern diamondback (weighing in at 23 lbs. and over 6' long), and the rare albino canebrake rattlesnake, found in central Alabama and one of the only three known in the world. These are just a few of the many beautiful rattlesnakes that will be on hand for the public to learn about, and to see for themselves exactly what to look for when they are out in the wilderness.

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Mississippi Land Trust Announces Web Site



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Mississippi's private citizens own approximately 75% of the state's land. For many Mississippi landowners their property is more than a financial asset; it is part of

their family's history, their community and their state. But the landscape is changing. Today about 80 percent of all Mississippians live in cities and towns, compared to about 25 percent 50 years ago. As our urban population grows, natural habitats are displaced.

Landowners and wildlife enthusiasts throughout Mississippi will be surprised to find a wealth of information concerning fish, wildlife and plants in the available on the internet. The site, www.misslandtrust.org, is hosted by the Mississippi Land Trust and designed by TecInfo.

The site is intended to help Mississippians understand

one of the most flexible and effective means of conserving and protecting private property: the conservation easement. A conservation easement is a legal agreement that ensures a property will be managed in perpetuity according to the landowner's desires. It may also qualify the landowner for tax benefits.

The Mississippi Land Trust's internet site is filled with useful information on the organization including a section describing it, all about conservation easements, its conservation initiatives, various financial assistance programs, a staff profile and how to contact the Mississippi Land Trust.

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Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo Seminar Series

Friday, August 23

3:00 Show Opens, Welcome to the Expo
 4:00 Trick Casting at The Hawg Trough
 5:00 Falconry w/Michael Musgrave of the Mississippi Falconers socation
 6:00 Dog Training Basics w/Mike Stewart of Wildrose Kennels
 7:00 The Magnolia Records Program w/Rick Dillard
 8:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi w/Terry Vandeventer
 9:00 Show Closes

Saturday, August 24

10:00 Show Opens

11:00 The Magnolia Records Program w/Rick Dillard
 12:00 Falconry w/Michael Musgrave of the Mississippi Falconers Association
 1:00 Dog Training Basics w/Mike Stewart of Wildrose Kennels
 2:00 Trick Casting at The Hawg Trough
 3:00 Developing Year-Round Food Plots w/Randy Browning, Wildlife Biologist
 4:00 Falconry w/Michael Musgrave of the Mississippi Falconers Association
 5:00 Dog Training Basics w/Mike Stewart of Wildrose Kennels
 6:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi

w/Terry Vandeventer
 7:00 Trick Casting at The Hawg Trough
 8:00 Show Closes

Sunday, August 25

12:00 Show Opens
 1:00 Trick Casting at The Hawg Trough
 2:00 Dog Training Basics w/Mike Stewart of Wildrose Kennels
 3:00 Falconry w/Michael Musgrave of the Mississippi Falconers Association
 4:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi w/Terry Vandeventer
 5:00 Show Closes Until 2003!

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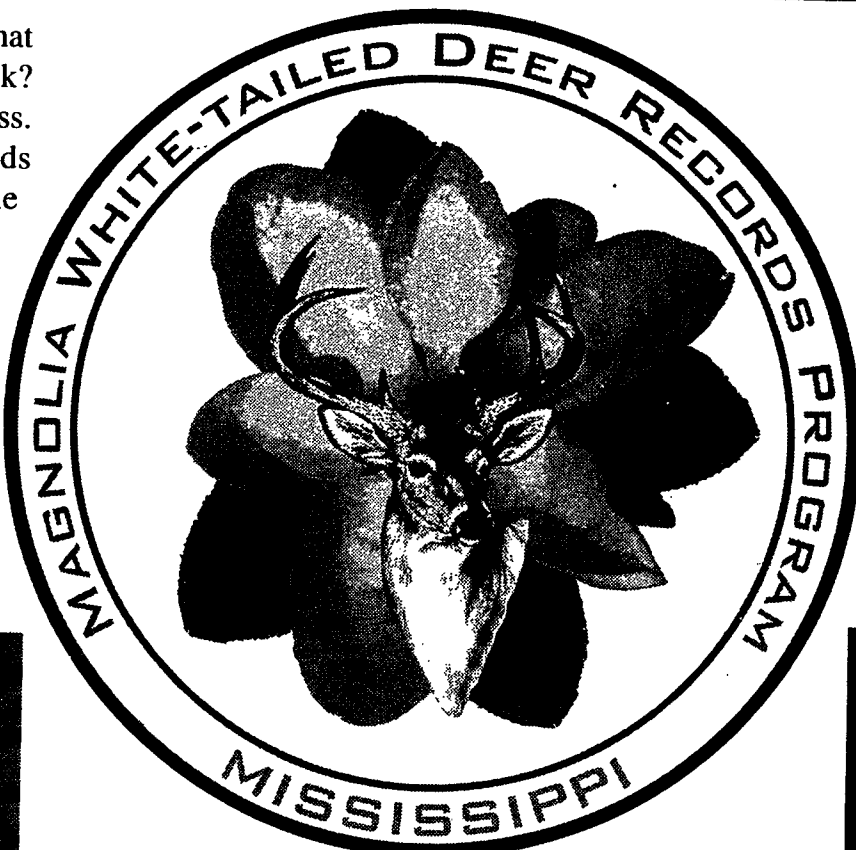
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are eligible. All one has to do is bring his or her deer to the Expo between 3 and 9 p.m. on Friday, August 23 or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 24

All entrants meeting the minimum requirements (125 - Typical, 155 - Non-typical) will receive an official certificate.

Scoring will take place on Saturday.

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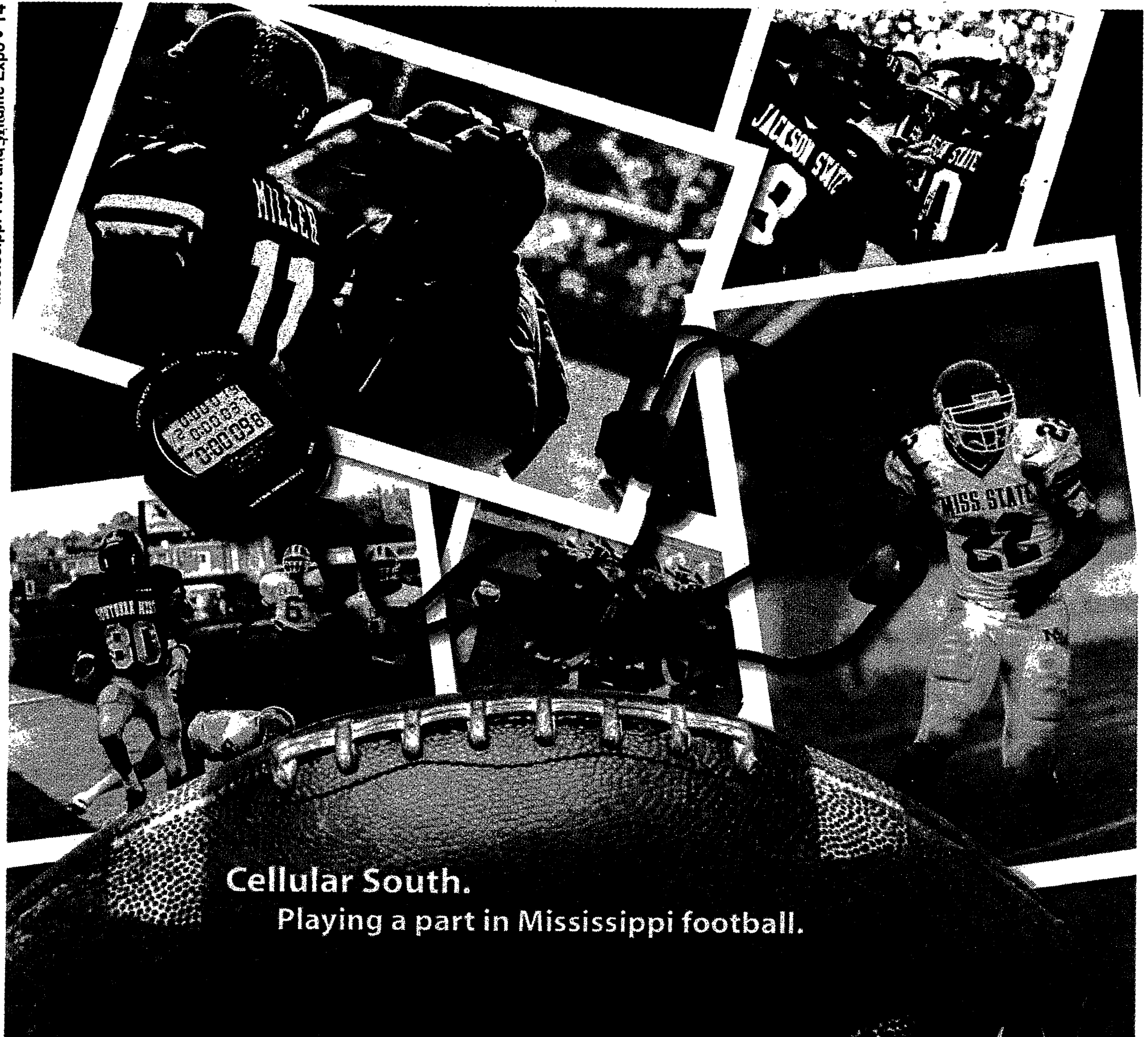
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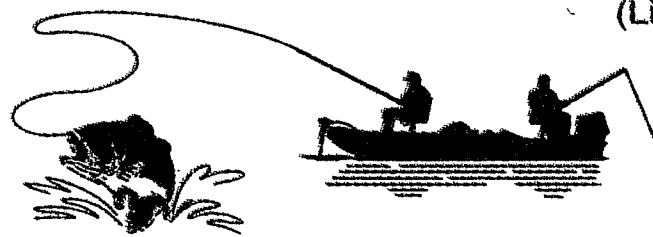
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